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Banks.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$15,000,000
RESERVE FUNDS.....\$15,000,000
Sterling.....\$15,000,000
Silver.....\$15,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS.....\$15,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
G. Balloch, Esq., Chairman.
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C. R. Leemann, Esq., H. A. Siebs, Esq.,
S. A. Levy, Esq.

MANAGER:
Shanghai—H. E. R. HUNTER.
LONDON BANKERS—LONDON COUNTY AND WESTMINSTER BANK, LIMITED.
HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED:
On Current Account at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 2 1/2 per cent. per annum.
For 6 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
For 12 months, 4 per cent. per annum.
J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 29th March, 1910.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.
INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....£1,000,000
RESERVE FUND.....£1,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITIES OF PROPRIETORS.....£1,000,000

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNT at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
On Fixed Deposits for 12 months, 4 per cent. per annum.
On Fixed Deposits for 6 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
On Fixed Deposits for 3 months, 2 1/2 per cent. per annum.
W. M. DICKSON, Manager.
Hongkong, 5th April, 1909.

YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.
CAPITAL PAID-UP.....Yen 24,000,000
RESERVE FUNDS....." 16,750,000

Head Office—YOKOHAMA.
Branches and Agencies:
TOKIO, HANKOW, KIOB, TIENSIN, OSAKA, PEKIN, NAGASAKI, NEWOWHANG, LONDON, DALNY, LYONS, PORT ARTHUR, NEW YORK, ANTUNG, SAN FRANCISCO, LYOANG, HONOLULU, MUKDEN, BOMBAY, TIENTSIN, SHANGHAI, CHANG-CHUN.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
On fixed deposit—
For 12 months.....4 1/2 per cent.
" 6 months.....3 1/2 per cent.
" 3 months.....2 1/2 per cent.
TAKUO TAKAMICHI, Manager.
Hongkong, 18th March, 1910.

DEUTSCH ASIATISCHE BANK.
CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP.....Sh. Taels 7,500,000

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS: BERLIN.

BRANCHES:
Berlin, Calcutta, Hamburg, Hankow, Kobe, Peking, Singapore, Tientsin, Yokohama.

FOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING BANKS AND BANKERS:
Koenigliche Seehandlung (Berlin),
Direction der Disconto-Gesellschaft,
Deutsche Bank, S. Bleichroeder,
Berliner Handels-Gesellschaft,
Bank fuer Handel und Industrie,
Robert Warshawsky & Co.,
Mendelssohn & Co.,
M. A. von Rothschild & Soehne, Frankfurt a/M.,
Norddeutsche Bank in Hamburg, Hamburg,
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Bayerische Hypothek und Wechselbank, Muenchen.

LONDON BANKERS:
Messrs. N. M. Rothschild & Sons,
THE UNION OF LONDON AND SMITH'S BANK, LIMITED.

DEUTSCHE BANK (BERLIN), LONDON AGENT,
DIRECTION DER DISCONTO GESELLSCHAFT.

INTEREST allowed on Current Account DEPOSITS received on terms which may be learned on application. Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

J. KULLMANN, Acting Manager.
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1910.

Banks.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3 PER CENT. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 13th January, 1907.

INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

CAPITAL PAID UP.....GOLD \$2,500,000
ABOUT MAX \$7,225,000
RESERVE FUND.....GOLD \$2,500,000
ABOUT MAX \$7,225,000

HEAD OFFICE:
60 WALL STREET, NEW YORK.

LONDON OFFICE:
THREADEMILL HOUSE, E.C.

LONDON BANKERS:
BANK OF ENGLAND.
NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND, LIMITED.

THE CAPITAL AND COUNTRY BANK, LTD.

BRANCHES AND AGENTS ALL OVER THE WORLD.

THE Corporation transacts every Description of Banking and Exchange business, receives Money in Current Account at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum on daily balances and accepts Fixed Deposits at the following rates—
For 12 months 4 per cent. per annum.
" 6 months 3 per cent. per annum.
" 3 months 2 1/2 per cent. per annum.

No. 9, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

W. M. ANDERSON, Manager.
Hongkong, 8th April, 1908.

Insurance

CHINA MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE CO., LD., OF SHANGHAI.

DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS:
Alexander McLeod, Esq., Chairman.
C. Stephens, Esq.,
Lee Yung Sa, Esq.,
J. H. McMichael, Esq.,
C. R. Burkill, Esq.,
J. A. Wattle, Esq., Manager Director.
A. J. Hughes, Esq., Secretary.
S. B. Neill, F.I.A., Actuary.

A STRONG British Corporation Registered under Hongkong Ordinances and under Life Assurance Companies' Acts, England.

Insurance in Force.....\$24,054,152.00
Assets.....7,114,490.08
Income for Year.....\$,073,834.81
Total Security to Policyholders 7,885,823.53

LEFFERTS KNOX, Esq., Hongkong, District Manager.
B. W. TAFE, Esq., Canton, Macao and the Philippines, District Secretary.

ALEXANDRA BUILDING, HONGKONG.
Hongkong, 1st December, 1909.

PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY LIMITED.

TIME TABLE
WEEK DAYS:
7.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. ...Every 10 minutes.
10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. ...Every 15 minutes.
11.00 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. ...Every 15 minutes.
12.15 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. ...Every 10 minutes.
1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. ...Every 15 minutes.
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. ...Every 10 minutes.
2.15 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. ...Every 15 minutes.
3.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. ...Every 15 minutes.
5.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. ...Every 10 minutes.

NIGHT CARS:
6.45 p.m. and 9 p.m., 9.45 p.m. to 11.15 p.m., every half hour.

SUNDAYS:
8.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. ...Every 15 minutes.
9.00 a.m. to 9.45 a.m. ...Every 30 minutes.
9.45 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. ...Every 15 minutes.
10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. ...Every 10 minutes.
11.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon ...Every 15 minutes.
12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m. ...Every 10 minutes.
1.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. ...Every 15 minutes.
2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. ...Every 15 minutes.
3.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. ...Every 15 minutes.
5.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. ...Every 10 minutes.

NIGHT CARS as on Week Days.

SATURDAYS:
8.15 a.m. to 9.15 p.m., 11.30 p.m. and 11.45 p.m.

SPECIAL CARS by Arrangement at the Company's Office, ALEXANDRA BUILDING, DE VONIA ROAD CENTRAL.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.
Hongkong, 1st April, 1909.

Mails.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

WILL dispatch VESSELS to the Undermentioned PORTS on or about the DATES named—

FOR STEAMERS TO SAIL ON REMARKS.

LONDON, &c., via usual Ports {ASSAYE Noon, 16th April } See Special Advertisement.

LONDON and ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES About 20th April } Freight and Passage.

For Further Particulars, apply to E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

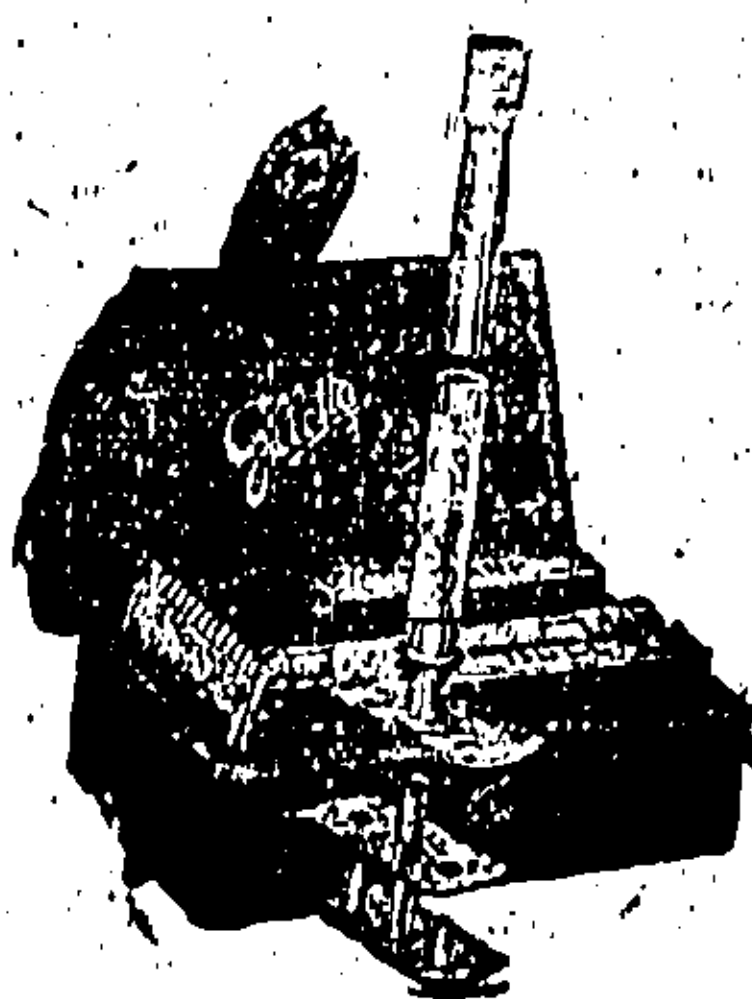
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, 15th April, 1910.

Intimations.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

(Telephone 97.)

The Gillette Safety Razor has these Virtues:



It will not cut the face;
It shaves in half or less than half the time required for shaving with an old-style razor;
It dispenses with the whole difficulty and trouble of stopping;
It never needs a trip to the barber's to be honed;
But above all—
It shaves better than any other razor and is made in England.

SPARE BLADES, \$1.75 per Pkt.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

KUPPER'S PILSENER BEER.

The Leading Beer in the Far East.



Telephone No. 75.

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CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & CO.

Hongkong, 21st March, 1910.

THE HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB

PRESENT

"MICE and MEN,"

A Romantic Comedy in Four Acts,

BY

MADELINE LUCETTE RILEY.

To-morrow, 16th April, at 9 p.m.

Booking at ROBINSON'S from 10 a.m., on Tuesday, the 5th April.
Hongkong, 15th April, 1910.

Hotel.

HOTEL CRAIGIEBURN.

PLUNKET'S GAP, the PEAK, near the TRAM TERMINUS. Tel. 35.

For Terms, &c., apply to the

MANAGER

Hongkong, 1st April, 1910.

Shipping—Steamers

HONGKONG, CANTON, MACAO

AND

WEST RIVER STEAMERS.

JOINT SERVICE OF

THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., AND THE CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD.

HONGKONG-CANTON LINE.

HONGKONG TO CANTON: MONDAY, 11th April.
8.00 A.M. HEUNGSHAN 8.00 A.M. HONAM
10.00 P.M. KINSHAN 5.15 P.M. FATSHAN

CANTON TO HONGKONG: TUESDAY, 12th April.
8.00 A.M. HONAM 8.00 A.M. HEUNGSHAN
10.00 P.M. FATSHAN 5.15 P.M. KINSHAN

WEDNESDAY, 13th April.
8.00 A.M. HEUNGSHAN 8.00 A.M. HONAM
10.00 P.M. KINSHAN 5.15 P.M. FATSHAN

THURSDAY, 14th April.
8.00 A.M. HONAM 8.00 A.M. HEUNGSHAN
10.00 P.M. FATSHAN 5.15 P.M. KINSHAN

FRIDAY, 15th April.
8.00 A.M. HEUNGSHAN 8.00 A.M. HONAM
10.00 P.M. KINSHAN 5.15 P.M. FATSHAN

SATURDAY, 16th April.
8.00 A.M. HONAM 8.00 A.M. HEUNGSHAN
10.00 P.M. FATSHAN 5.15 P.M. KINSHAN

SUNDAY, 17th April.
10.00 P.M. FATSHAN

These Steamers, carrying His Majesty's Mails, are the largest and fastest on the River. Special attention is drawn to the Superior Saloon and Cabin Accommodation. Lighted throughout by electricity. Electric Fan in each Cabin.

SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "SUI-TAI" 1,265 Tons and "SUI-AN" 1,265 Tons.
Departures from Hongkong to Macao on week days at 8 A.M. and at 2 P.M. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.
Departures from Macao to Hongkong on week days at 7.30 A.M. and at 2 P.M.

EXCURSION TO MACAO.

On SUNDAY, the 17th APRIL, 1910.
The Company's Steamship "HEUNGSHAN,"
will depart from the COMPANY'S CANTON STEAMERS WHARF at 9 A.M.
Departure from Macao at 4 P.M.
A Military Band will play during the trip.
Excursion Rates as usual.
N.B.—The Company also runs a steamer from Macao on Sunday morning at 7.30 A.M. and from Hongkong at 7 P.M. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.
Further Particulars may be obtained at the Office of the Company.

CANTON-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "HOI SANG" 457 Tons
Departures from MACAO to CANTON on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 9 P.M.
Departures from CANTON to MACAO on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 5 P.M.

JOINT SERVICE OF
THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.,
THE CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD., AND THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD.

CANTON-WUCHOW LINE.

S.S. "SAINAM" 588 Tons, and "NANNING" 569 Tons.
One of the above steamers leaves Canton for Wuchow every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at about 8 A.M., and the other leaves Wuchow for Canton on the same days at 8.30 A.M. Round trips take about 5 days. Passengers can return to Hongkong or Vice Versa by the Company's direct steamers "Lian" and "Sanui." These vessels have Superior Cabin Accommodation and are lighted throughout by electricity. Electric Fan in each Cabin.
Further particulars may be obtained at the Office of the—

HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LD.,
HOTEL MANSIONS, (FIRST FLOOR),
opposite the Blake Pier.

Hotels.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

FIRST CLASS AND UP-TO-DATE.

A. F. DAVIES, Manager.
Hongkong, 5th February, 1909.

ASTOR HOUSE

(LATE CONNAUGHT HOTEL)

QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG.

CENTRALLY situated, up-to-date Hotel. Recently renovated, and under entirely New Management. Large and Comfortable Rooms, Excellent Cuisine, under the supervision of an Experienced FRENCH CHEF, and separate Tables, Hot and Cold Baths, Electric Light throughout. Terms moderate. First Class Accommodation for Families and Tourists.

Under Personal Supervision of
L. GAMEAU, Proprietor.
N. BRUNNENHOF, Manager.

Telephone 199. Telegrams "Astor."

BOXING! BOXING!! BOXING!!!

AT THE BELLE VIEW STADIUM.

TO-MORROW, 16TH APRIL, 9 P.M.
WEATHER PERMITTING.
MAIN EVENT.
SEAMAN ROBERTS, E.M.S. "Kent," v. TAIT O'KEEFE, Torpedo Diver.

MIDDLE WEIGHTS
Gunner ARUNDEL, 88 Co. R.G.A. v. Gunner HUBBARD, 87 Co. R.G.A.
WELTER WEIGHTS TOURNAMENT.
For which a number of first-class entries have been received. A Keno Contest is also held.

PRICES: \$4 Ringide; \$3 Front; \$2 in Centre; \$1 Back Seats.
Tickets can be purchased at the Mutual Fire, 30 Queen's Road Central, or at the Hotel.
All communications to be addressed to
WM. WINCH, Manager, Belle View Hotel.

SPECIAL CARS TO TOWN AFTER TOURNAMENT.
Hongkong, 15th April, 1910.

Mails.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

BRUNNEN.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINES.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIER, GIBRALTAR, SOUTHAMPTON, ANTWERP AND HAMBURG	"PRINZ LUDWIG" F. von Biezler	WEDNESDAY, 20th April, Noon.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, and YOKOHAMA	"BULO" Capt. H. Formes	About WEDNESDAY, 20th April.
MANILA, YAP, ANGAUR, NEW GUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE	"COBLENTZ" Capt. H. Rasgauer	FRIDAY, 22nd April, Daylight
YOKOHAMA and KOBE	"PRINZ WALDEMAR" Capt. F. Iscke	About SATURDAY, 30th April.
KUDAT and SANDAKAN	"BUNERO" Capt. F. Semblitt	End of April.

For further Particulars, apply to

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

MELCHERS & CO.,

GENERAL AGENTS, HONGKONG & CHINA.

Hongkong, 8th April, 1910.

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

FRENCH MAIL LINES.

FORTNIGHTLY SERVICE TO and FROM EUROPE via SUEZ CANAL.
TO and FROM JAPAN via SHANGHAI.

FOR	STEAMERS	CAPTAINS	TO SAIL ON
SHANGHAI, KORE, YOKOHAMA, AUSTRALIAN	 Riquier	.....	25th April, P.M.
MARSEILLES, VIA PORTS	 OCEANIE	 Seller	26th April, at 1 P.M.
SHANGHAI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, TOURANE	 Lancelotti	.....	9th May, P.M.
MARSEILLES, VIA PORTS	 SALAZIE	 Magnan	10th May, at 1 P.M.

Transshipment on the Co.'s Steamers at Singapore for Batavia, at Colombo for Ceylon, Bombay and Australia, at Port Said for the Levant, Constantinople and Black Sea.

Through Tickets to London via Paris from £27.10 up to £71.10. 20 hours' railway from Marseilles to London.

Interpreters meet passengers at their arrival in Marseilles.

For further particulars, apply to

P. THOMAS,

AGENT,
QUEEN'S BUILDINGS.

Hongkong, 12th April 1910.

Intimations.

EYES

RIGHT!

N. LAZARUS, OPHTHALMIC OPTICIAN,
CORNER OF D'AGUILAR STREET AND QUEEN'S ROAD.

Will test your eyes free of charge, and if they are wrong will put them right.

Lenses Ground. All kinds of repairs. Spectacles for all requirements.
Ask, or write, for illustrated Booklet on "Defective Sight,"—free.LONDON, GILBERT, SHANGHAI,
John Street, Bedford Row, W.C. 10, Bentinck Street, 10, Nanjing Road

VETARZO BRAIN AND NERVE FOOD.

This remarkable compound, the result of the latest developments and achievements of modern chemistry, purifies the blood, and without equal in all cases of defective nerve power, whether induced by worry, overwork, unduly excited, dyspepsia, excess, youthful impudence, or other influences incident to the wear and tear and haste of modern life. It restores vitality, banishes nervousness, cures nervous prostration, low vitality, mental and bodily prostration, muscular and local weakness, general and nervous debility, fainting, dizziness, dimness of sight, defective hearing, loss of memory, inability to perform the various duties of life, or to enjoy life, pleasure, recreation, and the various pleasures of the world. It is a powerful tonic, and its use improves the general health, and quickly removes long-standing bronchitis, asthma, and hacking, rattling, and wheezing coughs, too often the precursor of consumption.

VETARZO BLOOD MEDICINE.

Never before was there anything like it, nor can its marvellous properties ever be equalled in all cases of poor system, thinness, or other imperfections of the blood from whatever cause arising. No sooner is it imbued into the system than it purifies and purifies the blood, and without equal in all cases of defective nerve power, whether induced by worry, overwork, unduly excited, dyspepsia, excess, youthful impudence, or other influences incident to the wear and tear and haste of modern life. It restores vitality, banishes nervousness, cures nervous prostration, low vitality, mental and bodily prostration, muscular and local weakness, general and nervous debility, fainting, dizziness, dimness of sight, defective hearing, loss of memory, inability to perform the various duties of life, or to enjoy life, pleasure, recreation, and the various pleasures of the world. It is a powerful tonic, and its use improves the general health, and quickly removes long-standing bronchitis, asthma, and hacking, rattling, and wheezing coughs, too often the precursor of consumption.

CAUTION.—Ask for "VETARZO Brain and Nerve Food," or "VETARZO Blood Medicine," whichever is your case, and see that you get them, as unprincipled vendors often try to palm off inferior preparations (usually made of sugar and water) for the sake of extra profit. Price in Hongkong, 2/6. Every genuine bottle of these medicines bears the British Government Stamp with the words "VETARZO BLOOD MEDICINE" impressed thereon, in the center of a red ground, by direction of His Majesty's Hon. Commissioners. Registered Trade Mark.

COMMON SENSE IN A NUTSHELL.—A new medical work on the cause and most scientific and effective treatment of all diseases of the blood, and full directions for removing certain disqualifications (usually the symptoms of a bad blood) from the system. Price 1/6. Post free in plain envelope on receipt of Postal Order or Cheque.

Agents for India—T. Y. TAORER AND CO. LTD., BOMBAY, BYGULLA, and POONA.

Intimation.

THE YOKOHAMA DOCK CO., LTD.

No. 1 DOCK.	No. 2 DOCK.	No. 3 DOCK.
Docking Length 515 ft.	Docking Length 375 ft.	Docking Length 481 ft.
Width of Entrance 80 "	Width of Entrance 50 "	Width of Entrance 63 "
Water on Blocks 28 "	Water on Blocks 26 "	Water on Blocks 21.5 "

THESE DOCKS are conveniently situated in Yokohama harbor and the attention of Captains and Engineers is respectfully called to the advantages offered for Docking and repairing Vessels and Machinery of every description.

The plant and tools are of recent patterns for dealing quickly and cheaply with work and a large stock of material is always at hand, (plates and angles all being tested by Lloyd's surveyors).

Two powerful Twin Screw Tugs are available for taking Vessels in or out of Dock and for taking Sailing Vessels in or out of the bay. The floating derrick is capable of lifting 40 tons.

Steam Launches of Steel or Wood, Lighters, Steel Buildings and Roofs, Bridge Work, and all kinds of Machinery are made on the premises.

Tenders will be made up when required and the workmanship and material will be guaranteed.

The cost of Docking, and repair work, will be found to compare favorably with that of any port in the world.

A large mooring basin is available alongside our own works for mooring vessels while under repairs.

Telephone: Nos. 376, 400, or 631.

Telegrams, "Dock, Yokohama," Codes A. B. C. 4th and 5th Ed.

Liebert, South.

A. 1, and Watkins.

Yokohama, April 28th, 1903.

To Let.

TO LET.

DARTMOOR, No. 13, CONDUIT ROAD.

A HOUSE in CLIFTON GARDENS and OFFICES, 10, DES VŒUX ROAD CENTRAL.

CODOWNS, PRAYA EAST, formerly occupied by M. B. K.

OFFICES, No. 2, CONNAUGHT ROAD, 3rd Floor.

A HOUSE in WONG-HEI-CHONG ROAD.

A HOUSE in RIFON TERRACE.

OFFICES in YORK BUILDING, No. 10, DES VŒUX ROAD CENTRAL, 1st Floor.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.

Hongkong, 13th April, 1910.

TO LET.

KING'S BUILDINGS, OFFICES facing the Harbour lately in occupation of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

Apply to—THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.

Hongkong, 13th April, 1910.

TO LET.

IN No. 5, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Victoria Building, Rooms suitable for Offices.

FIRST FLOOR of No. 4, DES VŒUX ROAD recently vacated by Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders.

ONE GODOWN in MASON'S LANE.

Apply to—DAVID SASSOON & CO., LD.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1910.

TO LET.

GODOWN, No. 4, PRAYA, Kennedy Town.

Apply to—THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.

Hongkong, 22nd October, 1909.

TO LET.

No. 3, CANTON VILLAS, Kowloon.

Apply to—THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.

Hongkong, 24th February, 1910.

TO LET.

GODOWN, No. 14, DUNDRELL STREET.

Apply to—THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.

Hongkong, 22nd March, 1910.

TO LET.—MODERATE RENT.

SEMI-EUROPEAN FLATS, Praya East, corner of Observation Place, the Trans stop at the door.

Apply to—THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.

Hongkong, 22nd March, 1910.

For Sale.

FOR SALE AT YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, as a going concern, the whole of the property of the CLUB HOTEL.

Situating on Lot No. 5, the Bund, with streets on three sides. Land measures some 1,500 square feet.

For Particulars, apply to THE CHAIRMAN, Board of Directors, Club Hotel, Ltd., Yokohama.

FOR SALE GRACA & CO.

27, DES VŒUX ROAD.

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Stamps in Sets, Packets, Bags and Single. Assortment of Stamps and Post Card Albums.

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Novels. Books for parlour and household use. Toy Books for Children.

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MANILA CIGAR AND CIGARETTES.

Inspection invited.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1910.

LEE YEE HAIR DRESSING SALOON

HAS ALWAYS ON HAND CIGARS, CIGARETTES

AND TOILET REQUISITES FOR SALE.

10, D'AGUILAR STREET, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 3rd September, 1907.

Dentistry.

Dr. M. H. CHAUN,

DENTAL SURGEON,

33, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, 1ST FLOOR, ROOMS 2 and 3.

From the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

Telephone 125.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1910.

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STUDIO AT NO. 14, D'AGUILAR STREET.

REASONABLE FEES

Consultation Free.

Hongkong, 29th June, 1904.

CAPTAIN STIRLING'S DEATH.

GALLANTRY DISPLAYED IN FRONTIER AFFRAY.

The Times of India gives the following account of the death of Captain Stirling in the frontier affray:—"From Dohrt" (small Khan) southwards to Bannu runs the Klog's highway, a metalled road in constant use by peaceful travellers. This road runs roughly parallel to the frontier, and at the point under notice, from 15 to 20 miles distant from it, the village of Laki, close to which the fight took place, is nine miles further inland so to speak, and thus 25 clear miles within our borders. Yet, on March 11, the landholder of the village awoke to the fact that it was in the hands of 32 desperadoes sent by the Mullah Powindah to kill, loot, and ravage.

The landholder, however, did not lose his head, and somehow got a telegram through to Bannu, 28 miles distant, explaining his peril. A party of 20 border police at once started to his assistance, and happily another police officer with 25 men happened to be touring in the district. These 45 men under two British officers with great gallantry surrounded the raiders and drove them into a mosque, where they held them till evening. Meanwhile, regular troops from Bannu, cavalry and infantry, covered 28 miles in four—an astonishing feat for infantry in any circumstances—and arrived at 7.30 p.m.

It was now getting dark, and a quickly-devised plan was to hem the marauders in for the night, send for a couple of guns, and attack at dawn. At about 9 p.m., however, the Mabsuds, every one of whom had metaphorically a halberd round his neck, fired a volley killing Captain Stirling and six men dead, burst through the cordon and scattered. The cavalry at once pursued, but in the darkness and high crops almost immediately lost the fugitives. The fight as such was good and gallant on both sides, but that is not the point. The point is how long are we going to allow peaceful villages 25 miles within our border to be thus harried.

IS RUBBER RIGGED?

INTERESTING CONTENTIONS.

Disturbing financial operations threaten the rubber market. "Powerful influences are at work," asserts the Commercial Motor in its editorial notes, "amongst dealers in rubber company shares, fictitiously to raise the price of rubber, in order to advance their own ends; this, of course, is in keeping with the speculator's plan of business. Rubber brokers in the City of London are well aware of the move, which it is not to their interest to discourage, and it will soon be an open secret that both wild and plantation rubber are being largely purchased by parties other than consumers. It is credibly rumoured that the consequence will be a rise to no less than 14s. or 15s. a pound in the course of the next few weeks, and any such abnormal change, though it be obviously temporary, cannot be of benefit to anybody but the speculators and the promoters of new companies.

"We feel sure," continues this trade organ, "that a rise of this kind cannot last beyond, say, the early fall of this year, and that the reaction after it will be tremendous. Whilst there are reasons for the expectation that rubber prices will continue above the normal for a maximum period of two years from date, after which the rapid increase of yield per tree in relation to age will begin to take world-wide effect, the newly-threatened element of frenzied gambling must spend itself in a few accounts. The idea that rubber supplies will be permanently deficient is completely erroneous. We wish that we could say the same about the City prognostication which we have named, but we are sorry to have to record that there appears to be nothing to control those who have embarked upon the course indicated, and who apparently mean to 'rig' both the rubber and the share markets accordingly."

Authorities in Mincing-lane find the idea of a "rig" so ludicrous that they are almost impatient in discussing it. Partners in the firm of W. J. and H. Thompson, when interviewed by our representative, gave the statement an unqualified denial. The rise, they said, was altogether a question of supply and demand, and as to the statement of the Commercial Motor that the price of rubber was to be rigged to 14s. or 15s., one of the partners declared that there was now a general impression in the market that the limit of price had been about reached.

A member of the firm of Messrs. Gow, Wilson, and Stanton pointed out that plantation rubber had always been purchased by outside parties other than consumers, but at the moment such people were purchasing less than at any previous time. As to the market generally, he pointed out, Americans had been buying rubber all along the line, whilst on the other hand there had been a tendency for European buyers to hold off the market, in view of large supplies from the Amazon bringing down prices. But there had been a change, and the latter people had abandoned all hope of prices coming down, and in the market they were now strong buyers. An indication that this was so was to be found in the fact that a large volume of business was taking place in all medium grades and low grades of rubber, as well as the standard grade.

As to the charge of a concerted movement between the share market and rubber merchants, Messrs. Gow, Wilson emphasized that when the market for rubber was rising, share quotations were quiet and irregular. Messrs. Gow added that the amount of plantation rubber disposed of for next year must be at least 5,000 tons—perhaps 10,000 tons. It was stated to our representative in one quarter that arrangements had been made to deliver a large quantity of rubber in equal monthly deliveries in 1911 at about 2s. per lb. Further, our informant added, almost all the crop business of this year and of next year had been sold forward on manufacturers' account.

Auction.

By Order of the Mortgagee.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

MESSRS. HUGHES & HOUGH have received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION,

on

FRIDAY,

the 22nd day of April, 1910, at 3 P.M., at their Sales Rooms, Ice House Street, THE FOLLOWING

VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY, Situate at Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, viz.:

ALL THOSE PIECES OR PARCELS OF GROUND situate at Victoria, aforesaid, registered in the Land Office respectively as THE REMAINING PORTION OF SECTION A OF INLAND LOT No. 505, and THE REMAINING PORTION OF INLAND LOT No. 505, together with the messuages thereon, known as Nos. 54, 56, 58, 60 and 62, Stone Nullah Lane, and Nos. 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12, Wanchai Road. Area 3,994 Square feet or thereabouts. Term 999 years. Annual Crown rent \$55.00.

For further particulars and conditions of sale, apply to—

Messrs. JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER, Priests' Buildings, Ice House Street, Solicitors for the Mortgagee,

or to

Messrs. HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 11th April, 1910.

Public Companies.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD. NOTICE is hereby given that the TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Offices, St. George's Building, on SATURDAY, the 30th April, 1910, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 28th February, 1910, and electing of Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to the 30th April, 1910, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 13th April, 1910.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED. NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A FINAL DIVIDEND of Twenty Dollars per Share for the year 1908 and an INTERIM DIVIDEND of Thirty Dollars per Share for the year 1909 will be PAYABLE on THURSDAY, the 14th instant.

Warrants may be had on application at the Office of the Society on and after that date.

By Order of the Board, C. MONTAGUE EDE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 13th April, 1910.

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED. NOTICE.

FROM this date and during my absence from the Colony Mr. J. B. K. WHITTALL will ACT as SECRETARY of the Company.

By Order of the Board, C. MONTAGUE EDE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 14th April, 1910.

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By Order of the Board, C. MONTAGUE EDE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 14th April, 1910.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the partnership heretofore subsisting between us the undersigned carrying on business as SHARE and GENERAL BROKERS at No. 5, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, under the style or firm of "VERNON & SMYTH" has been DISSOLVED and the interest and responsibility of the undersigned JOHN VERNON and FRANK SMYTH in the said firm has CEASED as from the 31st March, 1910.

All Debts due to and owing by the late firm of Vernon & Smyth will be received and paid respectively by the undersigned FRANK SMYTH who will continue to carry on the said business under the style or firm of "Vernon & Smyth."

Dated the 1st day of April, 1910.

(Sd.) J. V. VERNON, (Sd.) F. SMYTH.

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A PERFECT preservative stain for Wood, Stone, and Brickwork.

It protects against Decay, Fungus, Dry Rot, the Ravages of Insects and Vermin (especially the white ant) and the action of the weather.

"Solignum" really does what is claimed for it, as may be seen from the testimonials of the Governments of India, the Sudan, &c.

In Drums and Barrels of various colours.

Prospectus and all further information from

SIMPSON & CO., (Machinery Dept.) Hongkong, Sole Agents.

HONGKONG, 7th December, 1909.

Intimations.

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A PREHISTORIC WOMAN.

HONGKONG AVERAGE MARKET PRICES.

Powell's

ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS.

NOW SHOWING.

New Fabrics

FOR

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50 cts. Yard

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All the above are of
Exceptional Value.

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Hongkong, 8th April, 1910.

TONIC, RESTORATIVE, DIGESTIVE WINE
Very palatable.Known throughout the world and prescribed in all cases of
Anemia, Debility and Convalescence, to young women, children
and the aged. Invaluable in hot climates.

DOSE: One wine-glass after the two principal meals.

Each bottle of genuine VIN SAINT-RAPHAEL bears, in addition
to the registered trade-mark:

(1) The WARRANTY STAMP of the UNION DES FABRICANTS.

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CLETEAS is a MELISSA and MINT cordial
which surpasses all others by its
purity and faultless preparation. To be taken on a lump of sugar.
COMPAGNIE du VIN SAINT-RAPHAEL, Valence (Drôme-France).
CAUDREUX MAISON FONDÉE 1800, Hongkong.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the
above Club will be held TO-MORROW,
the 16th April, 1910, at 12.30 P.M., at the
Offices of the Jockey Club on the Ground
Floor of the Hongkong Club Annex, Charter
Road.

By Order,

T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1910.

HONGKONG GYMKHANA CLUB.

THE FIRST MEETING of the Season
will be held at Happy Valley, TO-
MORROW, the 16th April, commencing at
3.30 P.M.The Charge of Admission will be \$1.00 for
others than Members of the Hongkong Jockey
Club or Gymkhana Club.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform Half-price.

The Committee invite the Ladies of Hong-
kong to be present.REGINALD F. C. MASTER,
Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1910.

BOXING! BOXING!

THE POSTPONED WELTERWEIGHT
TOURNAMENT at the BLUE VIEW
STADIUM will take place TO-MORROW
EVENING, 16th April, at 9 P.M., when all
arrangements will be up-to-date.

Main Event: 5 2-minute rounds.

SEAMAN ROBERTS, H.M.S. "KENT,"

VERSUS

TAFT O'KEEF, TORPEDO DEPOT.

10 Round Bout

GUNNER BEDBROOK, 88th CO., R.G.A.,

VERSUS

GUNNER ARUNDEL, 87th CO., R.G.A.

Late Cars will be arranged for.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1910.

E. R.

H. M. NAVAL YARD.

WANTED a man with Experience in

WORKING BOILERS and EN-

GINES to take charge of running an eight

hours watch in the Electric Power Station.

Apply to the Electrical Engineer, H. M. Naval

Yard, stating full particulars, wages required,

whether European or Chinese, and how long a

resident in the Colony.

Hongkong, 14th April, 1910.

JAPANESE MASSAGE.

Masseur MEIJI SHA,

GRADUATE OF

KOBE MESSAGE SCHOOL.

ATTENDANCE AT

PATIENTS' RESIDENCE.

No. 171, WANCHAI ROAD.

GROUND FLOOR.

Hongkong, 10th January, 1910.

OSMAN &

CASUM,

1 & 3, D'AGUILAR STREET.

JUST UNPACKED

Ladies' Trimmed and Untrimmed

HATS, RIBBONS, FLOWERS

& FEATHERS.

MUSLIN and FIGURED VOILES.

LACE and EMBROIDERIES a speciality.

TABLE LINENS, SERVIETTES and

HOUSEHOLD LINENS.

Samples on application.

Coast Port Orders carefully

executed.

Hongkong, 6th September, 1909.

FRENCH STORE.

NOTICE.

We beg to inform our numerous
customers and the public in general
that we have been appointed Agent
for the "CREME SIMON" andall Simon's Produces for Toilet
Requisites, Perfumery, Powder,
Soap, etc.

INSPECTION SOLICITED.

Hongkong, 21st January, 1910.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY,

LIMITED.

PORTLAND CEMENT.

In Casks of 375 lbs. net \$5.50 per Cask
ex Factory.In Bags of 250 lbs. net \$3.45 per Bag
ex Factory.SHYWAN TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 10th August, 1908.

F. BLACKHEAD & Co.,

SHIP-OHANDLERS, SAILMAKERS

COAL AND PROVISION MER-

CHANTS, NAVAL CONTRACTORS

AND GENERAL COMMISSION

AGENTS,

GROUND FLOOR,

ST. GEORGE'S BUILDING,

HONGKONG,

SOAP AND SODA MANUFACTURERS.

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HARTMANN'S RAUJIN'S GENUINE

COMPOSITION RED HAND

BRAND, HARTMANN'S GREY PAINT,

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LAUNCHES,

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FERGUSON'S SPECIAL ORKAM

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EVERY KIND OF

SHIP'S STORES AND REQUISITES

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CABINET-MAKERS AND ART DECORATORS,

from Shanghai, has re-opened their

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at

No. 39, DES VOUX ROAD CENTRAL.

The only Shop in Hongkong with this name

WHERE HIGH-CLASS FURNITURE

of every description can be made to

order in any design required.

Have been patronized by the Hongkong

Club, Hongkong Hotel, Telegraph Co.,

Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Firms and other

leading Establishments in the Colony, to

whom reference can be made as to the

Superior Workmanship and Materials of the

Furniture, &c., supplied.

Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., write as

follows:

"We have pleasure in stating that Mr. LI

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our Dispensary and gave us every satis-

faction."

(Sd.) A. S. WATSON & Co.,

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ORDERS punctually attended to, and

CHARGES most moderate.

AN INSPECTION INVITED.

Hongkong, 1st April, 1910.

A PREHISTORIC WOMAN.

DEDUCTIONS FROM A SKULL.

Professor A. Keith has been discussing with
a Daily Mail representative the famous skull
discovered many years ago at Gibraltar, and
is the Royal College of Surgeons Museum."The skull, I have little doubt, is that of a
woman," he said. "From the size of her brain,
she must have been shrewd—probably a wo-
man, too, of considerable spirit. One can
reconstrue pretty accurately, also, the time at
which she lived. It must have been at least
500,000 years ago."From the jaws and the fact that the muscles
of mastication were remarkably strong it is
possible to deduce that this prehistoric woman
ate Nuts and roots probably entered very
largely into her diet. She was in the habit of
eating things which required a great amount
of mastication before much nourishment could
be derived from them—hence the unusual
development of the jaw muscles."This woman lived at a period before houses
were thought of. Some sort of rude shelter
must have been her abode. And the man of
this far-distant age must have spent most of
their time roaming about in mobs. Probably
they were hunters. And I should say that they
fished too.""The prehistoric woman's skull indicates
that she had a large nose. Her eyes, too,
must have been prominent. Her palate was
one-third larger than that of the woman of
to-day."

A FOREST CRIME.

CRIMINAL TORN TO PIECES BY DOGS.

An Odessa telegram, dated February 24,
says:Particulars are to-day to hand of a horrible
crime, which a week ago was briefly and
vaguely reported from the Imperial appanage
of Tchoransk, near Odessa, in the Government
of Podolia.The chief forester on the estate, who with
his family occupied a four-roomed cottage in
the wood, was visited late in the evening by
the local yuradiuk (rural constable). The
latter, who was a distant relative of his host,
was very hospitably entertained and left the
cottage about midnight, when the forester and
his family retired to rest.About an hour later, the yuradiuk returned
with two companions, who he described as old
friends he had casually met in the forest. A
second supper was being prepared for the three
visitors when the yuradiuk, suddenly drawing
his knife, disclosed his murderous plot by de-
manding all the money in his host's possession,
including a sum received the previous day from
the sale of a pair of oxen.The forester refused to comply with the de-
mand, whereupon he and his wife and their
fifteen-year-old daughter were ruthlessly cut
down and despatched with knives of the other
two robbers.The yuradiuk then proceeded to ransack the
cottage. The young son of the forester, a boy
of eight years, who had been overlooked by the
mischance, but had been a horrified witness of
the crime, hid himself under the bed. At this
 juncture the older son of the forester, also a
workman, returned from his beat, and seeing
three rooms illuminated, thought his people
were entertaining belated guests. First peering
through the common room window he was
transfixed with horror at the ghastly sight.
Quickly recovering himself the young forester
passed to another window, through which he
saw the yuradiuk's two companions carrying
on their work of pillage. Taking steady aim
with his double-barrelled rifle he shot and killed
both the murderers.

FEROCIOUS MARTYRS.

This brought the yuradiuk out with a rush,
fortunately forgetting his knife. At the door
of the cottage the young man, who had not had
time to reload his gun, instantly came to grips
with the constable, and a life and death struggle
followed. The yuradiuk was a much more
powerful man than the youthful forester, and
the latter's strength was failing when he cried
out that if there were any living person left
within the cottage, he should come out and
unchain the dogs, a pair of ferocious mastiffs.
His younger brother crept out and released
the mastiffs, who were already infuriated by
the attack on their master. As soon as released
they sprang upon the yuradiuk, who, des-
perately left to his fate, was torn to pieces.

Intimations

NOTICE.

MR. LI HON FAN, a Chinese graduate
versed in literature, has been a teacher
to European officials and merchants in this
Colony for over ten years.He has a good method of training Euro-
peans to pass in the Chinese examination, and
is possessed of a first rate certificate as a
Chinese teacher. He has also a good know-
ledge of Mandarin.Those who intend learning the Chinese
language are requested to write care of
Hongkong Telegraph office or direct to 37,
Hollywood Road, office.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1910.

AN APPEAL.

THE SUPERIORESS of the ITALIAN
CONVENT, CAINE ROAD, begs most
respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents of
Hongkong and the Coast Ports, for their kind
patronage and support, and desires to state
that she will be pleased to receive orders for
all kinds of NEEDLE WORK.Gentlemen's Shirts made to order, and Obed-
ience and Obedience on old ones.Ladies and Children's Under-clothing, Chil-
dren's Dresses, and all kinds of Embroidery.
Materials can be supplied, if required.The Superiores will also be most grateful
for any PAPER, or old REVOLVERS to be made
into Bells for the Children of the Poor Schools
who are taught by the Sisters.With great respect,
The Superior.

Corrected 14th April 1910, 100 cts. per 5 Mts.

BUTCHER MEAT.

Beef sirloin & prime cut—Mei Lung Pa

Comed—Ham Ngau Yuk

Roast—Shiu

Breast—Ngau Lam

Soup, Tong Yuk

Steak—Ngau Yuk Pa

Sirloin—Ngau Lat

Sausages—Ngau Yuk Ching

Bullock's Brains—Know

Tongue fresh—Ngau Li

Comed—Ham Ngau Li

Head—Ngau Tan

Heart—Ngau Sum

Hump, Salt—Ngau Kiu

Feet—Ngau Kook

Kidneys—Ngau Yiu

Tail—Ngau Mei

Liver—Ngau Con

Tripe (undressed)—Ngau To

Olives' Head and Feet—Ngau-chal-

tau-kook

Mutton Chop—Yeung Fai Kwai

Leg—Yeung Pei

Shoulder—Yeung Shau

Pigs' Chiddings—Chi cheong

Brains—Chi Kook

Feet—Chi Kook

Fry—Chi Chak

Head—Chi Tau

Heart—Chi Sum

Kidneys—Chi Yiu

Liver—Chi Kon

Pork Chop—Chi Pal Kwai

Corrod—Ham Chiu Yuk

Leg—Chi Pal

Fat or Lard—Chi Yau

Sheep's Head and Feet—Yeung Tan

Keok

Heart—Yeung Sum

Kidneys—Yeung Yiu

Liver—Yeung Con

Sucking Pig, To Order—Chi Chai

Suet—Beef—Sang Ngau Yau

Mutton—Sang Yeung Yau

Veal—Ngau Chai Yuk

Sausages—Ngau Chai Yuk Tong

POULTRY.

Chicken—Kai Chai

Capons, Large, Small—Sin Kai

Ducks—Ap

Doves—Pan Kau

Eggs, Hen—Kai Tan

Fowls, Canton—Kai

Geese—Ho Nam Kai

Geese, Wild Shanghai—Sheng Hoi Ye

Goose, Wild Shanghai—Sheng Hoi Ye

Musk Deer—Wong Kung

Hare—Tu Chai

Partridge—Chi Khoo

Pheasant—Shan Kai

Pigeons, Canton—Pak Koo

Holow—Holow Pak Koo

Quail—Chi Chai

Rice Birds—Wo Fa Chai

Snipe—Sa Chai

Turkeys, Cock—Fo Kai Kung

Hen—Na

Wild Ducks, Shanghai, Sul-ap

Teal, Shanghai, Sul Ap Chai

Wild Ducks Canton—Sang Shing Sul

Ap

FISH.

Barbel—Ka Yu

Bream—Bia Yu

Canton Fresh Water Fish—Hoi Sin Yu

Garp—Li Yu

Cutfish—Gik Yu

Codfish—Mun Yu

Grabs—Hal

Gutted Fish—Mok Yu

Dab—Sa Mang Yu

Dace—Wong Mei Lun

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Watson's
FRUIT SYRUPS
mixed with aerated or plain water
make excellent refreshing beverages.
Guaranteed to be made from the
pure juice of sound ripe fruit.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
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Hongkong, 21st March, 1910.

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The Hongkong Telegraph
HONGKONG, FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 1910.
THAT GARDEN SITE.

Who would have dreamt that the staid, solid, business men of Hongkong could have been induced to work themselves into a frenzy of enthusiasm over a pure question of estheticism? And this at a time when a goodly part of Hongkong is giving nights and days to the consideration of how the rubber boom might be manipulated to their advantage. Members of the Legislative Council, the officials of course, were determined to air their views. The question was one raised by Mr. Murray Stewart as to the desirability of the Government retaining or selling the land, which is to the South of the new Law Courts though, as the Governor explained, it did not form part of the rectangle known henceforth as Royal Square. The main arguments submitted by Mr. Stewart were to the effect that the land should be held intact, because it was certain that in a few years the ground would be required for public buildings—the instance of the case of a City Hall—and at all events there was something due to posterity, or words to that effect. It seems certain that at this stage most of the unofficial members were with Mr. Stewart in his rhetorical contentions. They had, most of them, with other business men, sent a letter to the Government, which they signed to the effect, apparently, that the land should not be sold to private purchasers; and naturally they were in a manner bound by their signature. But never was such a bombshell thrown into the Council as that which Mr. Stewart, the Governor presented when he

made a lucid and illuminating speech showing why in the opinion of the Government it is deemed advisable to proceed with the sale of the site. In the first place he pointed out that the Colony had no money for works of public utility such as the extension of the Tatum waterworks "to provide an adequate water supply and to relieve us from the constant bugbear of a water famine." They had also to rebuild the Magistracy and in particular to construct a pier opposite Royal Square. But as we all know very well the Colony is still at its wits' end to devise methods of increasing the revenue without unduly harassing the taxpayers and this magnificent prospect is held out that by the sale of this paltry flower patch the heaven-sent chance has arrived. Without any beating about the bush, it may be said that when His Excellency stated that the applicants for the lease of the site are the Standard Oil Corporation, a body which could erect a dozen palaces without recognising any falling off in their accounts. The upset price is six lakhs, while the interest on that sum, together with the Crown rent, assessed taxes and so forth amounts to \$44,100 a year. There was little doubt in the minds of those watching the scene what the fate of the resolution would be. Here was a scheme which immediately saw us out of many of our difficulties; it was presented by a reputable and world-known firm with oceans of money at their back, and it provided for an immediate contribution to the exchequer six lakhs while there was always the nest-egg of the assessments worth \$44,100 a year coming in. Now here is one crucial point which was overlooked in a measure by Mr. Stewart. After lauding the cities for their patriotic attitude in securing the street beautiful he said:—I wonder what would be said if the municipality of Venice were to propose to sell for office building a site on the open space between the Doge's palace and Sansovino's great Library. The whole world would ring with protest. Why? I suppose because all men's sense of the fitness of things regards the landing place opposite St. Mark's as the city's front doorstep, and the ground indicated as being necessary to the artistic effect of that marvellous frontage. With that I do not seek to compare for a moment our modest frontage."

Quite so, but how can anybody compare Venice with Hongkong? The former has a history of centuries, the fall of the Campanile was regarded as an international calamity, the feeding of the pigeons is a recognised custom by visitors. The latter, Venice or any of the cities which line the Italian coast is history. What history has Royal Square? And it is not as if the hand of the vandal were to sweep over the scene. A building compatible with the vicinity will unquestionably be erected by the most powerful trust in the world if only for their own credit. As the Governor put it "If the site remains unremunerative for a further period of, say, only ten years, the loss at least will be half a million dollars. If it remains unremunerative for a period of twenty years the sum lost with interest will be much nearer a million and a half. I agree myself with the view taken by the unofficial member who spoke on that occasion, that it is not a reasonable thing to allow highly valuable sites to remain unoccupied. We do not find that in London, or in any city in the United Kingdom, sites are allowed to remain vacant which are valued from £2 10s. to £3 per square foot, and this, for a series of years on the off-chance that they may appreciate in value or possibly be required for public buildings. Leases will fall in which posterity can utilise. In case of urgent necessity we have an Ordinance which allows resumption for public purposes. So far as the price of the present plot of land is concerned, I think you will agree with me that it is a very high one, and one which we are not likely to considerably improve upon within at all a reasonable period." Mr. Gresson acknowledged the point by metaphorically throwing up his hat and declaring that in these circumstances he would have nothing to do with the resolution. Prior to that Mr. Osborne had explained why he was opposed to the resolution, showing that there was no necessity for a flower garden at this part of the city, which would only give an expression of opinion against the action which the Government proposed to take. Mr. Stewart pleaded subsequently that his bantling might be saved from sudden paralysis and that time should be allowed so that public opinion might have a word to say on the matter. The Governor was adamant, however, and the poor little sparrow was squelched before it had left its shell. We think that after His Excellency's speech there could have been no reasonable doubt as to what the end would be. Instead of keeping a reserve piece of land which as a site is described as the best in Hongkong, and drawing from it no revenue whatever, indeed actually expending money on it and its titillation, we are to receive a lump sum of six lakhs of dollars at once and every year we can look forward to a safe and sound return of \$44,000, which we take it is good business and should appeal to the business instincts of the merchants of the Colony, quite apart from their love for the beautiful.

DEATH OF CONSUL-GENERAL RUBLEE.
OPERATED ON FOR APPENDICITIS AT THE PEAK.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death to-day of the Hon. Mr. W. A. Rublee, the Consul-General in Hongkong for the United States of America. The disease from which he expired was diagnosed as appendicitis. For many months past the late Consul-General has been in anything but robust strength. Last summer he underwent an operation for some internal disease, and since his arrival here his state of health has been such that he was seldom seen in public. The disease is stated to have run its course from last Friday to Tuesday, when Drs. Stedman and Muller found it to be appendicitis and an operation was necessary. He was removed to the Peak and the operation performed but his strength would not let him revive from the shock. He died at 4 o'clock this afternoon. With her husband to the end was his devoted wife, who is now prostrated over her affliction.
This forenoon we received the following message from Government House:
"We are desired to state that the invitations issued for an Official Dinner and Reception at Government House to-night in honour of Their Highnesses The Gaekwar and Maharani of Baroda, have been cancelled in view of the critical condition of the health of Mr. Rublee, Consul-General for the United States of America."
This morning's bulletin, issued by Drs. Stedman and Muller, regarding the state of health of Mr. W. A. Rublee, the United States Consul-General, showed that the end was near for it stated that his condition had become even worse than on the previous day and that slight hopes remained for a recovery.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.
MEMBERS are reminded that the Jockey Club meeting takes place to-morrow at 12.30 p.m.

The hour of departure from Hongkong of the *Empress* steamers during the summer months will be 6 p.m. instead of 7 a.m. as heretofore.
The general agents of the Shanghai Sumatra Tobacco Company, Limited, has received the following telegraphic advice from the Deli Maatschappij, Amsterdam:—"Sold 335 bales tobacco at Guilders 1.17."

SIR John Dickson-Poynder, Bart., has been appointed to succeed Lord Plunket as Governor of New Zealand. The Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George has been conferred upon Lord Plunket.

THE TAIKOO MURDER.
THE STORY OF A QUARREL AMONG BOILER-MAKERS.

Before Mr. E. R. Hallifax at the Magistracy this afternoon, Yu Chan, a former boiler-maker in the Taikoo Dockyard, was charged with the alleged murder of a compeer on the Sai-wan-po road at Shau-ki-wan on the 24th March last. Mr. R. F. O. Master, prosecutor, and Mr. E. Davidson appeared for the defendant. Inspector Collet, of Shau-ki-wan Police Station, watched the case on behalf of the Police.
Mr. Master stated that prisoner was charged with the murder of a compeer at Sai-wan-po, Shau-ki-wan, on the 24th March last. On that date, both the defendant and the deceased, who were employed at the Taikoo Dockyard as boiler-makers, had a quarrel. The deceased boiler-maker was one of a gang of men employed by one Chan Ching, the first witness for the prosecution. The defendant was not employed in the same gang. On the morning of the 24th March, deceased was working with the rest of his gang on a tier. At one o'clock in the morning, one of the employees missed a certain block of wood and asked Chan Ching where it was. Shortly afterwards, the wood was found in the carpenter's possession and defendant accused Lan Ling of removing the wood. Lan Ling came up to Chan Ching and had some words about the matter. Mr. McKay was an eye-witness of the disturbance and saw Lan Ling strike Chan Ching and separated them. Some time after, Lan Ling came up with a considerable number of carpenters and created a disturbance and it would be proved that defendant was there both at the original quarrel and on the latter occasion. The quarrel was smoothed over by a European constable, but at five o'clock, when the men were leaving the Dockyard, deceased was walking along the Sai-wan-po high road about 250 yards from the Dock gate, when defendant and two other men rushed out crying "These are the men! Strike, strike!" Defendant rushed at deceased and struck him more than once with some instrument. Deceased fell down and was found dead shortly afterwards. One man who would be called as a witness was walking a few paces behind the deceased and saw deceased struck and also heard defendant shout "Strike, strike!" There was evidently some mistake, the men were heard to cry out, "It's a mistake! It's a mistake!" What happened was that defendant and Lan Ling collected a lot of men—other than those employed at the Dock and brought them over from Hong-hom to assault the other boiler-maker. The witness Chan Ching would say he saw the defendant rush out and strike deceased and the other witness would also say he saw deceased struck. Deceased was carried to a Chinese club, where the body was found the same evening. Defendant was pointed out by Chan Ching as the man who struck the blow. It was not a question whether defendant was guilty or not. The question was whether there was sufficient *prima facie* evidence to put the accused on his trial.
Medical and other evidence was called and the case adjourned.

OUTBREAK OF PLAGUE IN AMOY.
DR. J. A. OTTE A VICTIM.

A telegraphic message has been received here from Amoy reporting that plague has broken out in that city. Already twelve deaths have occurred among the Europeans, including that of Dr. J. A. Otte (of the Reformed Church body in Amoy), who was in charge of the Hope Hospital. Much sympathy will be felt for Mrs. Otte in her bereavement.
It is just possible that the disease is confined to the native city, which has the reputation of being the dirtiest of any in China. For the sake of the inhabitants, it is fortunate that the hot weather is so close at hand, for the dread disease thrives in the damp seasons almost exclusively.
We are led to understand that arrangements are under way for procuring a supply of plague serum from Hongkong to help in fighting the outbreak.

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE.
ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The St. Stephen's College annual sports were held in ideal weather, at the race course, this afternoon. The attendance was a large one and the events keenly contested. The Band of the 13th Rajputs, under Mr. C. T. Coke, enlivened the afternoon's proceedings with selections of music pleasingly rendered.
The results up to the time of going to press were as follows:—
1.—SENIOR CUP, 100 yards.—1st heat. This event was not run off in heats.
2.—JUNIOR CUP, 100 yards.—1st heat.
Ho Wing Yuen; 2 Ho Wing Li; 3 Li Ying Chiu.
2nd heat.—1 Ng Sze Kwong; 2 Chau Cheung Nin; 3 Chau Nei Nin.
3.—THROWING THE CRICKET BALL (Open).
1 Lee; 2 Chan Min Chung.
4.—CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE COLLEGE, 100 yards.
1 Chan Min Chung; 2 Wong To Kie.
5.—UNDER FOURTEEN, 100 yards.
1 Ng Sze Ho; 2 Chau Nei Nin.
6.—SENIOR CUP, 100 yds. Final.
1 Ng Hon Ting; 2 Chan Min Chung; 3 Ho Mai Chik.
7.—JUNIOR CUP, 100 yds. Final.
1 Li Ying Chiu; 2 Ho Wing Yuen; 3 Ho Wing Li.
8.—SENIOR CUP, 220 yds.
1 Ng Hon Ting; 2 Chan Sing Nan; 3 Ho Ni Chik.
9.—HIGH JUMP, JUNIOR.
1 Ho Wing Yuen; 2 Ho Wing Lee and Lei Ying Chiu.
Ho Lee and Lei Ying tied for second place.
Height: 3 ft. 8 ins.
10.—HIGH JUMP, SENIOR.
1 Ho Ni Chik; 2 Ho Wing Kai and Chan Sing Nan tie.
Height: 3 ft. 11 ins.
11.—PREPARATORY SCHOOL, 100 yards.
1 Chan Kiu Yuen; 2 Chan Yu Lip.
12.—JUNIOR CUP 200 yards.
1 Yuen Hing Haug; 2 Ho Wing Yuen; 3 Ng Sze Ho.
13.—SENIOR CUP, 440 yards.
1 Ng Hon Ting; 2 Ho Ni Chik; 3 Wong Kan Cheung.
14.—MATHEMATICAL RACE (Open); 1 Chan Nei Nin; 2 Ng Sze Ho; 3 Ho Wing Yuen.
15.—ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE: Forms' Flag Race.
1 No. IV A; 2 No. IV B; 3 No. III I.

STORMY WEATHER ON THE PACIFIC.
ROUGH VOYAGES FROM JAPAN.

Very stormy weather was experienced in crossing the Pacific from Japan last month. After being caught in the teeth of a gale which shook the vessel from stem to stern, and mountainous waves threatened to engulf the ship and send the crew to death, the British steamer *Havel Dollar* arrived at San Francisco on March 30th, bringing one of the most harrowing tales of the seas. The *Havel Dollar* was fifty-six days from Hongkong and encountered the storm five days out from Japan.
Partly dismantled and her cargo of lumber gone, Captain Ridley brought his vessel into port, lucky to be alive than because the loss of a rich cargo. The ship had hardly docked, says a San Francisco paper, than her commander announced that he would never go to sea again.
The *Havel Dollar* was a thousand miles off the coast of Japan when the south-easter struck the ship. The gale raged with terrific velocity and the vessel hampered by the heavy load of lumber, creaked and groaned under her burden. It was while releasing much of the cargo to right the ship that several of the crew narrowly missed being swept overboard. Buffeted about in this manner, the crew cowered in fear of death. The pipe railing was swept away and the vessel was generally dismantled before the gale subsided. Everything portable had been swept overboard.
A succession of gales retarded the progress of the *Havel Dollar*. Soon after being released from the grip of the first terrific storm, when the vessel crept into port she was more like a phantom of the sea than the trim little ship that left Hongkong fifty-six days ago. Captain Ridley's determination to quit the sea was probably prompted by the experiences of the last trip of the vessel. The commander declared that he was never nearer going down into the murky depths of the ocean.
The French steamer *Amiral Exelmans*, Captain Ennes, arrived at San Francisco on March 15th from Antwerp, via Yokohama and ports, with a large cargo of merchandise. Captain Ennes reported that on February 17th, after leaving Kobe, they experienced heavy north-west gales which broke the doors and windows in the cabin, and swept everything portable from deck.

CLAIM FOR DAMAGES.
FOR ALLEGED ASSAULT AND FALSE IMPRISONMENT.

Before Mr. Justice Gompertz, Paines Judge, in the Summary Court this morning, a case was mentioned in which Wong Fu Ng is seeking to recover from A. C. Johnson the sum of \$5,000 as damages for alleged assault and false imprisonment. Mr. E. Davidson appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. W. E. L. Shenton represented the defendant.
Mr. Shenton—I ask for a statement of claim.
His Lordship—What do you say, Mr. Davidson?
Mr. Davidson—Three days, my Lord, Well, Mr. Shenton?
Mr. Shenton—Seven days is the usual practice.
The case was adjourned.
A VLADIVOSTOK despatch reports that the Ministers of the Army, Communications and Agriculture Departments will shortly leave St. Petersburg for a tour of Eastern Siberia.
The King entertained at luncheon on 12th ult. Queen Amelia of Portugal, Count and Countess Figueiro, and the Marquis de Soveral. For the last day or two a slight cold has confined His Majesty to his rooms at Biarritz.

BARON Goffinet, Baron Devierlandt and Baron Evance Coppe, the members of the Belgian Mission to Japan to announce the accession of King Albert, have arrived in Peking. They leave for Japan next week travelling via Hankow.

PRINCE and Princess Eitel Fritz attended the dedication of the German hospital and Church on the Mount of Olives and the consecration of the Roman Catholic Church on Mount Zion. The ceremonies were of the most imposing description.

IN the Summary Court this morning, the case was again mentioned in which Ah Men and Hing Cheong, tailors, are suing John Grant to recover the sum of \$91.95 for work done and material supplied. It was stated that the defendant could not be found and the case was adjourned.

J. T. FOGARTY, a stoker on board H.M.S. *Belford*, appeared in the Police Court this morning on charges of assaulting P. C. Atwell and disorderly behaviour in Ship Street. On the first charge the delinquent was fined \$15 while on the other charge he was awarded seven days' imprisonment without the option.

IMPORTANT CHANDU CASE.
CAPTAIN AND YOWKAY FINED.

Captain James Homes, of the local steamer *Hong Bei*, and Towkay Lim Ho Puh, the owner, were before Mr. Mitchell in the summary court, this morning, on charges of importing chandu and allowing their vessel to be used for the importation, carriage or conveyance of chandu, reports the *Strait Times* of 8th inst. They claimed to be tried. Mr. Baddeley, superintendent of the opium monopoly, appeared for the prosecution and Mr. Elliot for the defence.
Mr. J. A. Howard, head of the preventive service, said that on information received he boarded the *Hong Bei* with Mr. Mussel, senior revenue officer, at about 4 p.m. on March 23. They went to a disused coal bunker and after searching about fifteen minutes found, behind a fresh water tank, a bag which contained 32 tins of chandu, weighing 312 tins and valued at \$33.10. The captain could have found it if he had searched there.
Mr. Elliot pointed out that the place where the chandu was kept was frequently changed, and asked for the name of the informer, which witness refused to give.
Questioned by Mr. Elliot, witness said that he was confident that the informer had nothing to do with putting the chandu where it was found and did not think that he was employed on the ship. The bunkers were often used as a place of concealment for opium.
Mr. Mussel said that he went on board to search the *Hong Bei* on her arrival from China on March 21, but did not get into the bunkers then as the hatches had not yet opened. He searched for about five hours that day, and found nothing.
Mr. Elliot explained to the court that the cargo contained 100,000 tins which had been removed when the second search was made. It was an absolute impossibility to search the hold for chandu on the voyage from China, how in the world was the captain to remove 100,000 tins to look for chandu at the bottom?

CAPTAIN'S EVIDENCE.
Capt. Homes said that he had the ship searched for chandu every day on the way down from China. Everything possible was done. The hold where the chandu was found was not searched because it was practically impossible to get at it. The passengers had no access to the holds. Every part of the ship to which they had access was searched carefully.
Questioned by Mr. Baddeley, the captain said that the daily search was conducted by European officers and lasted from two to three hours. The holds were never searched.

THE DEFENCE.
Mr. Elliot argued that what happened in these cases was that the person importing the opium, finding that he could not land it, went straight to the monopoly and gave information. This was what made it so unfair to the owners and captains of these steamers. The granting of heavy fines to these informers was a direct encouragement of smuggling. He would submit that only a nominal fine should be imposed.
His Worship held that the first charge was not made out. On the second charge, there was no way of getting out of it. Mr. Baddeley stated that there were two previous convictions against the same ship and the same captain.
His Worship fined the captain and owners \$50 each, and costs amounting to fifty cents. The opium was confiscated.

CLAIM FOR RETURN OF EARRINGS.
INTERESTING DISCUSSION AT THE SUMMARY COURT.

At the Summary Court this morning, Mr. Justice Gompertz, Paines Judge, delivered his decision in the case in which Ida Weinbart brought a claim against Ruby Holstein to recover a pair of diamond earrings or \$1,000, the value thereof. In the course of his decision his Lordship stated that he found that the earrings were the property of the plaintiff and held that notwithstanding that the earrings were sold through the Official Administrator to the defendant, he could see no reason why the original owner should be divested of her property. He therefore entered judgment for the plaintiff with costs.
Mr. Jackson (For the defendant)—On behalf of the defendant I ask that no costs should be allowed.
His Lordship—I don't see why the Captain Superintendent of Police should have caused a delay in the proceedings.
Mr. Jackson—The suit was only filed on Wednesday and the Captain Superintendent was taken ill and the case was first mentioned on Saturday.
Mr. Harris (For the plaintiff)—I ask that costs should be awarded to the plaintiff.
Mr. Jackson—It's an exceptional case.
Mr. Denays, Jr. (For the Crown Solicitor)—I never heard of such a thing.
His Lordship—I think I will give costs against the Crown. The earrings were taken away by force, I think.
Mr. Jackson—Will your Lordship grant a stay of execution for a week?
Mr. Harris—I don't think a stay can be granted.
Mr. Jackson—The effect of your Lordship's judgment will be that other proceedings will be taken either against the Official Administrator or the defendant.
His Lordship—That may be so.
Continuing, his Lordship said he did not think much harm could be done if a stay of execution was granted.
Mr. Harris—Your Lordship will make an order for costs, I suppose? The stay is only in respect of the earrings.
His Lordship—You have no objection, Mr. Jackson?
Mr. Jackson—No, my Lord.
His Lordship made an order that the earrings be returned to the plaintiff within seven days.

HONGKONG SCHOOLS ATHLETIC SPORTS.
PRELIMINARY HEATS.

The preliminary heats of the school sports took place yesterday afternoon at the Race Course. The results are as follows:—
100 YARDS FLAT RACE, HANDICAP, for boys over 10 and under 14 years of age.
First Heat.
Pun Che Lun 1
Chan Wong Hong 2
Second Heat.
Ho Kam-poi 1
Li Kam Yung 2
Third Heat.
Wong Shao-nin 1
A. Ho 2
Fourth Heat.
E. Castro 1
F. Marquet 2
Fifth Heat.
Francisco Sequeira 1
J. Ozorio 2
100 YARDS FLAT RACE, HANDICAP, CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT—for boys under 17 years of age.
First Heat.
A. Karim 1
A. Hall 2
Second Heat.
J. Haas 1
Yuin Tse Fun 2
Third Heat.
Tsu Kin Fui 1
M. Omar 2
120 YARDS FLAT RACE, HANDICAP, for boys under 10 years of age.
First Heat.
A. Osmund 1
F. Loureiro 2
Second Heat.
F. Carvalho 1
Leung Ho Yan 2
Third Heat.
Maji Sopher 1
Abdul Azad 2
1 MILE BICYCLE RACE, Open to all ages.
First Heat.
Cheung U. Fui 1
N. L. Raiton 2
Second Heat.
R. Lee 1
G. C. Jorge 2
Third Heat.
Carlos Vas 1
G. Ross 2
220 YARDS FLAT RACE HANDICAP, Open to all ages.
First Heat.
J. Haas 1
A. R. Smy 2
Second Heat.
A. Gifford 1
P. H. Rathbone 2
Third Heat.
A. Ho 1
M. Omar 2
QUARTER MILE HANDICAP, CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT, CHALLENGE CUP—Open to all ages. Ellis Kadone Challenge Cup to be won three years in succession to become the property of any boy.
First Heat.
A. R. Smy 1
Kwok Shin Yan 2
Second Heat.
F. G. Holm 1
W. Slansen 2
Third Heat.
Wong Shao Nin 1
A. Ho 2
The final to be run on Monday at 11 a.m.

RAUB AUSTRALIAN GOLD MINING CO., LTD.

MINING AND MILLING REPORT FOR FOUR WEEKS ENDING MARCH 26TH, 1910.

BUKIT KOMAN MINES.

Main Shaft. The breakers for the plunger have been placed below the No. 6 level, and the system has been placed in position on them. We are now lowering the new main rods to No. 6 level, and cutting ground at No. 5 level for the balance box. I hope to get this completed and to commence sinking in May next.

340 ft. Level cross-cut E. advanced 20 ft., total 120 ft.

340 ft. Level N. Winze on bagging wall lode was sunk 20 ft., giving a depth of 30 ft. At which point it was connected with the stopes. This winze has opened a good piece of, stopping ground.

440 ft. Level N. Main drive extended 18 ft., total 27 ft., the part of the lode carried for the width of the winze averaging 3.57 dwts. per ton.

540 ft. Level 1st ft. drive S. Advanced 14 ft., total 201 ft. This drive is not on the main part of the lode, but the direction has been changed so as to strike it, from which point it will be continued on the main lode.

540 ft. Level N. Main drive extended 32 ft., total 53 feet from the winze, the lode averaging 47 inches and assaying 4.16 dwts. per ton.

Slopes 440 feet Level N. 449 tons assaying 13.47 dwts. per ton.

Slopes 440 feet Level S. 481 tons assaying 4.51 dwts. per ton.

Slopes 540 feet Level 757 tons assaying 5.25 dwts. per ton.

STOPE MINE.

160 ft. Level N. Main drive advanced 14 ft., total 350 ft., no improvement in value since last report.

160 ft. Level S. Cross-cut W. from end of main drive, extended to 11 ft., total 25 ft. At this point it passed through the lode, or the W. portion of it. Operations at this point have been suspended, as it is getting near the flooded Bukit Hitam Mine, and present indications do not warrant the outlay to drain Bukit Hitam, to enable us to carry on this point (S. drive).

160 ft. Level S. No. 3 Winze sunk 20 ft. total 69 ft., the lode is rather broken, and showing only a little gold.

160 ft. Level S. The rise above this level has been connected with the "Air Shaft" sunk S. of Anderson's, this has thoroughly ventilated this section.

The Stope above this (160 ft.) level produced 1,682 tons of stone of about the usual quality.

ANDERSON.

260 ft. Level N. Advanced 32 ft., total 293 ft., the lode is strong and well defined, but of low grade, assaying 1.31 dwts. per ton.

260 ft. Level S. Advanced 39 ft., total 223 ft., lode poor.

260 ft. Level S. No. 1 Cross-cut E. cut into a lode at 42 ft. from the mouth of the cross-cut. Whether this is the main portion of the lode "faulted" in an easterly direction, or another lode, remains to be proved, but as the main portion of the lode S. of the shaft was evidently "thrown," this should be this mining portion.

260 ft. Level Main Cross-cut W. advanced 10 ft., total length 108 ft.

Slopes 260 ft. Level S. 195 tons assaying 19.90 dwts. per ton.

Slopes 260 ft. Level N. 361 tons assaying 2.54 dwts. per ton.

GENERAL.

The "Air Shaft" S. of Anderson has been connected with the 160 ft. level S. Stope Mine, and as stated above, this portion of the Mine is consequently well ventilated.

MILLING SHEET FOR FOUR WEEKS ENDING MARCH 26TH, 1910.

40 stamps ran 26,617 days. Loss 1,081 days caused by power being off to repair "Transformer" at Bukit Malacca, cleaning up &c., &c.

	tons.	tons.
Stone Crushed Bukit Koman	1,649	
" " Slope	1,291	2,940
Huntington Mill ran 25 1/2 days.		
Stone Crushed Bukit Koman	215	
" " Slope	312	517
Total		3,457

Producing Amalgam 3,112 ozs.

Retorted gold 1,358 "

Bullion 1,334,886 ozs.

Average yield per ton 7.123 dwts.

" Value of tailings 0.80 "

BUKIT MALACCA.

No. 1 Mill ran 23 1/2 days. Crushing 703 tons of stone from Anderson Mine.

Producing Amalgam 251 ozs.

Retorted gold 88 "

Bullion 85 "

Grit Mills produced Amalgam 170 ozs.

Retorted gold 58 "

Bullion 55 "

Total Tons crushed 4,170

Amalgam 3,370 ozs.

Retorted gold 1,346 "

Bullion 1,370,886 ozs.

Average fineness 919.93

yield per ton 6.335

Note.—Grit Mills product not included in totals.

Wm. J. OATES, Manager.

THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. FERR, Director of the Hongkong Observatory.

On the 15th at 11.55 a.m.—The barometer has risen moderately in Wladivostok and N.E. Japan, the depression lying over that area yesterday having moved away towards N.E.

Pressure has given way over the Yezo valley, probably owing to the existence of a depression over N. China.

The highest pressure is shown over W. Japan and the Eastern Sea.

Moderate E. winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel, and the N. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.07 inches.

FORECAST.

1.—Hongkong and Neighborhood, E. wind, moderate; fair.

2.—Formosa Channel, same as No. 1

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Loochoo, same as No. 1

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Malacca, same as No. 1

A MONEY-LENDING CASE.

ALLEGED FALSE STATEMENT BY DEFENDANT.

In the Summary Court this morning, Phan Singh sued T. A. and L. G. Cordello to recover the sum of \$400 due under a promissory note. Mr. J. H. Gardiner appeared for the plaintiff while the defendant appeared in person.

His Lordship (To one of the defendants)—Do you owe the money?

Defendant—I signed the promissory note but I did not get all the money.

You have signed the note and you must pay the money. What do you get?—\$75 a month.

Are you married?—No.

What are your expenses?—I have to pay \$15 a month to a money-lender.

On a former judgment?—Yes.

Can't you live on \$50 a month?—No.

How old are you?—Twenty.

His Lordship (To Mr. Gardiner)—Will \$10 a month do?

Mr. Gardiner—Defendant was here once before and made a false statement to your Lordship.

His Lordship—Did I find out that defendant had made a false statement?

Mr. Gardiner—No, my Lord, but I've found it out. He said he was getting \$30 a month, whereas he was getting \$75. He goes to borrow money from my client and here he comes and makes a false statement to your Lordship.

His Lordship (To the defendant)—Were you here before?

Defendant—Yes.

Did you say you were getting \$30?—Yes.

Were you getting \$75?—Yes.

Why did you tell me you were getting \$30?

Defendant's answer was inaudible.

The other defendant stated that he was drawing \$30 a month and admitted owing a half share.

His Lordship made an order for instalments to be payable monthly.

DYNAMITE EXPLOSION AT KOBE.

ENORMOUS DAMAGE.

The *Japan Chronicle* of 8th inst. says:—As briefly reported in extras issued yesterday to local subscribers, a terrible explosion occurred yesterday morning just outside the limit of Kobe harbour. The whole city was violently shaken, as though a severe earthquake had occurred, while the wrecked and damaged houses on every hand gave the impression that the city had been swept by a typhoon.

The amount of the damage—which extends over a very wide area—cannot yet be estimated, and while many houses and buildings in the immediate vicinity of the disaster have been totally wrecked or badly damaged, scarcely a house in the former Settle, ment and on the Hill has not some broken windows or doors, or some other evidence of the tremendous force of the explosion. East and west of Wakinhama, off which place the explosion occurred, windows have been blown in, tiles and walls damaged, telephone wires torn down, and even heavy iron doors of godowns wrenched open, although fastened and locked in the usual way. As far west as Suma, and east as far as Nishionimiya, shoji were thrown down by the explosion, which must have been heard and felt for miles around. Fortunately, only one life was lost—the victim being the watchman on the lighter which exploded—and although many persons received injuries, including some passengers on the Hanshin electric tramway, none were, so far as is known, severely hurt.

DETAILS OF THE EXPLOSION.

According to the information obtained by a *Chronicle* representative, there seems to be no doubt that the explosion was caused by an outbreak of fire on board a hulk, No. 1,059, belonging to Messrs. C. Nickel & Co., Ltd., stevedores, Kobe. Over four tons of explosive were stored in the hulk, consisting of 3,094 cases of dynamite, 50 cases of detonators, and 3,305 cases of gelignite, a powerful explosive used in coal-mining. These goods were, we understand, the property of Messrs. Weinberger and Co., the China and Japan Trading Company, and Messrs. Drewell and Co.

About half-past six yesterday morning one of the Customs officials stationed at Wakinhama observed smoke rising from the dynamite-hulk, and suspecting that something was wrong, at once went to the telephone to call up the Water Police in order to give the alarm. At 6.38, before telephone connection had been effected with the Water Police, a loud explosion was heard, followed immediately by a second and much more violent explosion. Dense volumes of smoke rising from the sea made it impossible for a time to see whether one or two lighters had exploded, but it was presently seen that three other lighters, on which dynamite belonging to Messrs. Mollison & Co. was stored, were safe, although the craft were so badly damaged by the tremendous force of the explosion that they became water logged and were partially submerged.

The watchmen on these lighters, as soon as they saw the smoke rising from Messrs. Nickel's hulk, jumped overboard, and were afterwards picked up uninjured by sampans which went out to the rescue.

The watchman on board the hulk, a native of Yara, Awa, aged about 50, was killed in the explosion; his mangled body being afterwards picked up and taken ashore.

Meanwhile, the people of Kobe, and especially those living at Wakinhama, were terror-stricken at the tremendous noise and force of the explosion. In Kobe City, it was at first generally thought that an accident had occurred at the gasworks, or on board the Italian cruiser "Calabria," which is now in port. In fact, several petty officers and men from the warship who were on shore at the time of the explosion ran at once to the Hatake, thinking the war-ship magazine had exploded.

A GOOD DEFENCE.

SUMMARY AMENITIES.

Before Mr. Justice Comper, Police Judge, in the Summary Court this morning, a case was mentioned in which Messrs. Bumann and Berblinger are seeking to recover from W. H. Emberley the sum of \$46.60 for goods supplied. Mr. M. J. D. Stephens appeared for the plaintiffs, which Mr. Hinds was for the defendant.

Mr. Stephens—I ask for an adjournment for a fortnight. I don't know if the defendant is here or is represented.

Mr. Hinds—I am for the defendant.

His Lordship—What do you say to an adjournment, Mr. Hinds?

Mr. Hinds—I have no objection.

Mr. Stephens—Have you a defence?

Mr. Hinds—A good defence (Laughter).

Mr. Stephens—What?

Mr. Hinds—A good defence (Laughter).

Very well, I know now I'll have to meet you. Thank you, my Lord. Much obliged.

AMATEUR BILLIARD CHAMPIONSHIP.

SEMI-FINAL.

The Billiard Championship matches are coming to a close. Last night the last match, in the semi-final, took place at the V.R.C. The attendance was a poor one. During the evening's play Pitt made an excellent 78 break and his next best was 43. Yvanovich's best was 38. Pitt won the game comfortably with 237 points to spare. His best breaks were: 19, 29, 31, 20, 43, 78, 24 and 30. Yvanovich's 15, 17, 20, 38, 18 and 17.

Mr. Bridger, the hon. secretary of the V.R.C. announced that a game of 500 up will take place to-night between Messrs. Leung Kam Kwong and Carvalho. The final will take place on Monday, instead of Saturday.

DIVORCE IN THE COLONIES.

A GILBERTIAN EXAMPLE.

The Commission on the Divorce Laws resumed its sittings at Winchester House, St. James's-square, on 10th ult., Lord Gorell presiding.

Sir Francis Piggott, Chief Justice of Hongkong, gave evidence as to the power of English divorce courts to grant divorces for matrimonial offences in the colonies and abroad, and vice versa. He instanced the case of a merchant whose domicile was Scotch, but who resided in Hongkong. In that city there was no provision, or process for divorce, and he was compelled to bring his action in Scotland, where he was granted a decree.

When he went to Hongkong, he raised an action for damages against the co-respondent, for *crimen con-*, and after a five days' trial he was awarded damages, which, however, he could not recover as the defendant was a bankrupt. The costs in Scotland and Hongkong were so heavy that he was declared bankrupt too.

The witness was of opinion that there should be a national divorce law, and that the domicile of the wife should follow that of the husband. The court of the matrimonial home should, for preference, be the tribunal to try divorce petitions, and the matrimonial law should be administered there.

Lord Guthrie: Would you limit the operation of the national law to British possessions?—I am obliged to.

In taking evidence on commission abroad, the order to be sent to the town clerk of some small colonial possession of which no one knows anything?—Yes, but by the plan I propose that would be avoided.

Mr. J. R. Roberts (Newcastle) continued his evidence from the previous day, and stated that in his returns he had 7,038 cases of separation and maintenance.

The President: In how many cases were the orders taken out?—In my court about 75 per cent., and in many cases the parties were reconciled afterwards.

Your table reduce very largely the number of the people who apply for separation, but who are not permanently separated?—It does; no analysis gives the ultimate result of the order.

The President: Do any of the wage-earning class who apply for separation orders mention divorce?—In my own experience we occasionally get people who have been reduced from better circumstances, who would, were they differently situated, apply for divorce, but among others I have not found any expressed wish for divorce.

What is the chief cause of those applications?—If you eliminate the drink question you eliminate 99 per cent. of the cases we have. Wives come to the court, as a rule, as a last resort.

You have no cases in which, the husband being in prison for arrears of maintenance, the wife falls?—No.

Taking into consideration the cases that are permanent, do you think that magistrates should have power to rescind an order?—I would if the husband had turned over a new leaf. I would do anything to bring about a reconciliation. In cases where the order was rescinded, should the husband turn out as bad as ever, I would have the order revived.

The secretaries at Shanghai of the Chemsedek Robber and Gambler Estate, Limited, are in receipt of cable advices to the effect that the first shipment of rubber made to London on the 2nd of February last, amounting to 2,500 lbs. net, realised an average price of 10s. per pound net.

From Messrs. Thomas Cook and Son we have received a copy of a new publication issued by them, descriptive of a trip to Peking, Dalai, Seoul and other places. As usual, like all their tourist publications, it is a charming work, racy, redolent with the atmosphere of the Far East, and it should form an admirable companion for those who are pleasure bound in China and Corea.

COMMERCIAL.

YARN MARKET.

Hongkong, 15th April.

Since the issue of our last report dated the 2nd ultimo, per s.s. *Derevka*, business done has been moderate, which is accounted for partly by the fact that the exchange market has been steady and partly owing to holders having in hand May-June delivery. Naturally, buyers were somewhat chary of purchasing long delivery cargo and consequently, as has already been mentioned, the business done has been indifferent. What business transpired was put through at last quotations and in some instances prices declined to the extent of 5s, settlements being confined to short delivery only. There is nothing worthy of special mention and the market closes quiet. On account of the China Ming observances, which have just begun, transactions have not been of an extensive character and will continue so for a short period.

No. 62.—A very small business was done at last quotations.

No. 82.—Nothing doing.

Nos. 102, & 122.—A small business effected at last quotations.

No. 152.—A very meagre business has to be reported.

No. 202.—A fair amount of business has been done in this count at a decline of 5s.

Total sales 3,800 bales.

Unsold stocks 5,000 bales.

Sold but unlanded in the godown and to arrive 43,000 bales.

Arrivals.—The mail ste. *Delta* and extra ste. *Ischia* and *Bombay Maru* from Bombay, and ste. *Japan* and *Lightning* from Calcutta have brought in 9,100 bales for Hongkong, and 15,000 bales for Shanghai; no shipments from Hongkong to Shanghai and Coast ports.

Shanghai.—Reports from this market indicate that business has been somewhat dull. A small business was done at previous quotations.

Japanese Yarn.—No business has come under our notice.

Local Mill.—Nothing doing.

Raw Cotton.—On account of higher prices, no business has been done in Bengal Cotton. Stocks 175 bales, Bengal. No sales in China Cotton. Stock 90 bales. Quotations: Bengal at \$33 to \$35, Chinese at \$37 to \$43 per picul.

Rupees, T/T 132. Rupees, D/D 132. Sterling, D/D 1/9 5/16. Sterling, 4m/1/9 9/16.

Shanghai, T/T 74. Japan 87. Bar Silver, 241.

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TO-DAY'S RUBBER QUOTATIONS.

April 15th, 4.15 p.m.

The following quotations for rubber shares, by wire, are supplied by Messrs. E. S. Kadoorie & Co.:

Allagans	9/9
Anglo-Javas	Tls. 30
Anglo-Malays	36/6
Balgownies	\$26
Batu Tigas	123/
Bertams	121/
Bukit Kajangs	100/
Bukit Rajahs	380/
Carey Uniteds	47/6 prem.
Castlefields	125/
Changkat Serdangs	\$30
Cheras	\$15
Damansaras	200/
Eastern Internationals	55/ prem.
Fed. Selangors	340/
Glenaglys	\$33
Glenbields	160/
Goldcoras	160/
Golden Hopes	165/
Highlands and Lowlands	195/
Indragiris	\$47 1/2
Loch Kenneths	365/
Jejuics	143/
Jonglandors	30/ prem.
Kamunings	14/9 prem.
Kuala Lumpors	260/
Lanadrons (fully paid)	165/
Lanadrons (ppd.)	112/6 prem.
Labus	205/
Ledburys	130/
Llogris	69/6
London Asiatics	182/6
London Ventures	15/
Mestimas	8/
Pajams	\$24
Pegohs	\$60
Rubber Trusts	104/6 prem. ex m. i.
Saggas	340/
Sandycrofts	\$55 ex rights
Sapongs	46/
Seafields	155/ prem.
Sekongs	42/6 pm
Shelfolds	97/6
Singapore & Johore	\$30
Sumatra Paras	18/6
Sungei Chobos	137/6
Sungei Kapars	120/
Tandjongs	90/ prem.
Tangkabs	37/6 prem.
Ulu Ratus	116/ ex m. i.
United Serdangs	172/6
United Singapore	\$42
United Sumatras	18/6
United Langkats	87/6 ex rights
Hard Fine Para	117/ per lb.

Events Coming.

Friday, 15th April.

Institution of Engineers and shipbuilders of Hongkong annual meeting, 9.15 p.m.

Saturday, 16th April.

Hughes and Hough Auction sale of Green Peas, 11 a.m.

Geo. P. Lammart Auction sale of Silk Embroideries, etc., 11 a.m.

Hongkong Jockey Club half-yearly meeting, 12.30 p.m.

Firm Gymkhana meeting.

Hughes and Hough Auction sale of furniture, at the "Dethick" Robinson Road, 2.30 p.m.

A.D.O. "Mice and Men," 9 p.m.

Boxing at Belle View Stadium, 9 p.m.

Monday, 18th April.

Schools Sports, Final.

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SHANGHAI, KOBE & MOJI	"NAJSANG"	FRIDAY, 22nd April, Noon
MANILA	"YUENSANG"	FRIDAY, 22nd April, 4 P.M.
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SHANGHAI	"ANHUI"	21st April, 4 P.M.
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April 14th, 1910, a.m.		B. T. H. H.		Wind		W.	
Alfred Watson	7 a.m.	29.81	39	63		0	c
Amoy	5 a.m.	30.84			SE	0	b
Akodon	5 a.m.	30.83			SE	0	b
Yokohama	5 a.m.	30.99			W	0	b
Kobe	5 a.m.	30.09			WSE	0	b
Yokohama	5 a.m.	30.11			SE	0	b
Kagoshima	5 a.m.	30.12			WSE	0	b
Oshima	5 a.m.	30.08			SE	0	b
Naha	5 a.m.	30.05			NE	0	b
Ishigaki	5 a.m.	30.05			NE	0	b
Bonin Is.	5 a.m.	30.08			NE	0	b
Cheloo	6 a.m.	30.01			NE	0	b
Wei-hai-wei	9 a.m.	30.01	45			5	c
Hankow	5 a.m.	30.01				5	c
Kinkiang	5 a.m.	30.01				5	c
Shanghai	9 a.m.	30.11	62	46		5	c
Guangzhou	5 a.m.	30.11	55	81	SE	3	bv
Sharp Peak	5 a.m.	30.12	58	94	SE	3	bv
Amoy	5 a.m.	30.04	61	77		0	b
Swatow	5 a.m.	30.02	61	89		0	b
Taihuok	5 a.m.	30.02				0	b
Taiwan	5 a.m.	30.02			N	0	b
Koshu	5 a.m.	30.08			NE	0	b
Pescadores	5 a.m.	30.01			NE	0	b
Canton	9 a.m.	30.09	64	89		0	b
Hongkong	10 a.m.	30.06	68	67	ENE	0	b
Victoria Peak	5 a.m.	30.06			NE	1	c
Gap Rock	5 a.m.	30.06			NE	1	c
Macao	5 a.m.	30.10	66		NE	1	c
Whchow	9 a.m.	30.06					
Hohow	5 a.m.	30.06					
Ehoku	5 a.m.	30.06					
Tourane	5 a.m.	30.05	64		NE	2	c
G. St. James	5 a.m.	30.05	81		NE	2	c
Amoy	6 a.m.	29.94	73		SE	2	c
Manila	10 a.m.	29.96	90	48	NE	2	c
Legaspi	6 a.m.	29.90	70		NE	2	c
Bacolo	9 a.m.	29.95	84		NE	2	c
Hilo	5 a.m.	29.95	84		NE	2	c
Onho	5 a.m.	29.94	84		NE	2	c
Labuan	5 a.m.	29.90	81		N	2	c

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Vladivostok	7 a.m.	29.07	37	78	SE	0	b
Nemuro	6 a.m.	29.95			SSW	0	b
Hokkaido	5 a.m.	30.07				0	b
Tokio	5 a.m.	30.04			NW	0	b
Kobe	5 a.m.	30.09				0	b
Nagasaki	5 a.m.	30.15				0	b
Kagoshima	5 a.m.	30.15			NW	0	b
Oshima	5 a.m.	30.15			S	0	b
Naha	5 a.m.	30.12				0	b
Ishigaki	5 a.m.	30.09			NE	0	b
Bonin Is.	5 a.m.	30.01			NE	0	b
Cheloo	6 a.m.	30.00				0	b
Wei-hai-wei	9 a.m.	29.99	49		SE	5	c
Hankow	5 a.m.	30.05	50	100		5	c
Kinkiang	5 a.m.	30.06	55	94		5	c
Shanghai	9 a.m.	30.11	65	93	SE	3	bv
Guangzhou	5 a.m.	30.12	57	87	SE	3	bv
Sharp Peak	5 a.m.	30.13	60	94	NE	3	bv
Amoy	6 a.m.	30.04	62	83	W	1	b
Swatow	5 a.m.	30.02	62	77	NE	1	b
Taihuok	5 a.m.	30.02			N	0	b
Taiwan	5 a.m.	30.02			N	0	b
Koshu	5 a.m.	30.08			S	0	b
Pescadores	5 a.m.	30.04			N	0	b
Canton	9 a.m.	30.09	68	83	SE	1	c
Hongkong	10 a.m.	30.06	70	66	SE	2	c
Victoria Peak	5 a.m.	30.06			SE	2	c
Gap Rock	5 a.m.	30.06			SE	2	c
Macao	5 a.m.	30.11	62		SE	2	c
Whchow	9 a.m.	30.06					
Hohow	5 a.m.	30.06					
Ehoku	5 a.m.	30.06					
Tourane	8 a.m.	30.05	70		N	1	c
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Amoy	6 a.m.	29.96	77		NE	2	c
Manila	10 a.m.	29.90	88	54	NE	2	c
Legaspi	6 a.m.	29.93	81		NE	2	c
Bacolo	9 a.m.	29.97	85		NE	2	c
Hilo	5 a.m.	29.97	85		NE	2	c
Onho	5 a.m.	29.94	84		N	2	c
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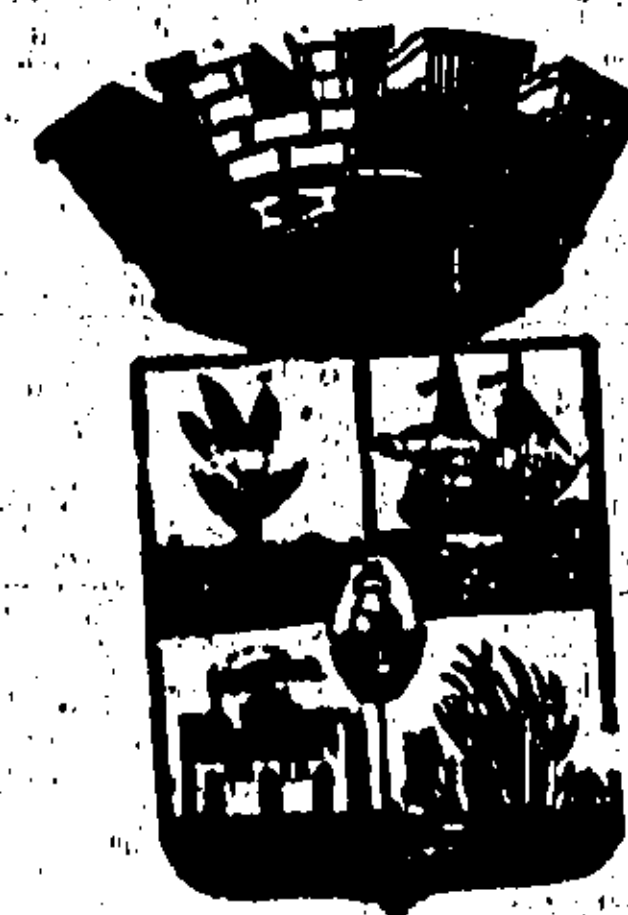
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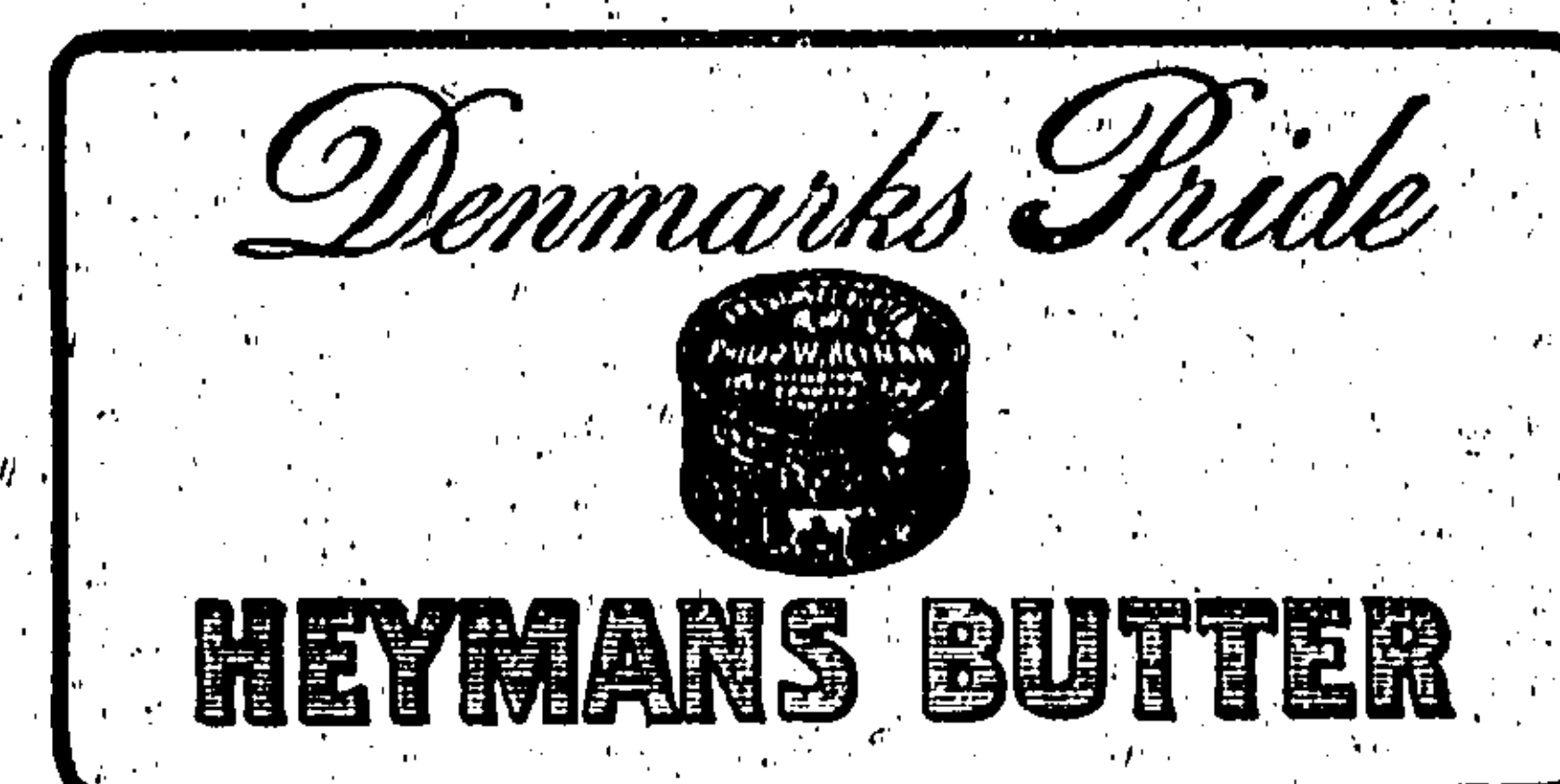
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Who would have thought that the staid, solid, business men of Hongkong could have been induced to work themselves into a frenzy of enthusiasm over a pure question of æstheticism? And this at a time when a goodly part of Hongkong is giving nights and days to the consideration of how the rubber boom might be magnipulated to their advantage. Members of the Legislative Council, the un-officials of course, were determined to air their views. The question was one raised by Mr. Murray Stewart as to the desirability of the Government retaining or selling the land, which is now the site of the Law Courts, though, as the Governor explained, did not form part of the 700-acre known henceforth as Royal Square. The main arguments submitted by Mr. Stewart were to the effect that the land should be withheld, because it was certain that in a few years the ground would be required for public buildings—he instanced the case of a City Hall—and at all events there was something due to posterity, or words to that effect. It seems certain that at this stage most of the unofficial members were with Mr. Stewart in his rhetorical contentions. They had, most of them, within the business men, sent a letter to the Governor in which they signed to the effect apparently that the land should not be sold to private purchasers, and naturally they were in a manner bound by their signatures. But never was such a bombshell thrown into the Council as that which His Excellency the Governor presented when he made a lucid and illuminating speech showing why in the opinion of the Government it is deemed advisable to proceed with the sale of the site. In the first place he pointed out that the Colony had no money for works of public utility such as the construction of the Typhoon Shelter, the extension of the water supply and to relieve it of the constant burghar of a water famine. Then he pointed to rebuild the Magistracy and in particular to construct a plot opposite the Royal Square. But as ye all know very well the Colony is still at its wit's end to devise methods of increasing the revenue without needlessly harassing the tax payers and the ratepayers.

SIR HORMUSJEE MODY.

We are informed by the Colonial Office that the King has been pleased, on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone of the building for the University of Hongkong, to confer the honour of Knighthood on Mr. Hormusjee Mody. We therefore add our congratulations to those of his fellow citizens in Hongkong on receiving this distinction at the hands of His Majesty. All will agree that it is an honour thoroughly well deserved. Our readers

recalled that Sir H. N. Mody offered to pay for the erection of the buildings on condition that adequate funds, estimated at £100,000, were provided for equipment and endowment. We note from a telegram from Hongkong that the foundation-stone of the University was laid by the Governor on the 10th inst. and that Sir H. N. Mody opened the proceedings with an address to the Governor in which he announced the completion of the buildings. There can be no question that the University will result in good for Hongkong and China. —*L. & C. Express.*

A GOOD DEFENCE.

SUMMARY AMMUNITIES.

15th Inst.

Before Mr. Justice Gompertz, Police Judge, in the Summary Court this morning, a case was mentioned in which Messrs. Borneau,

Berlingberg are seeking to recover from W. H. Emberley the sum of \$46.60 for goods supplied. Mr. M. J. D. Stephens appeared for the plaintiffs, while Mr. Hinds was for the defendant.

Mr. Stephens—I ask for an adjournment for a fortnight. I don't know if the defendant is here or is represented.

Mr. Hinds—I am for the defendant.

His Lordship—What do you say to an adjournment, Mr. Hinds?

Mr. Hinds—I have no objection.

Mr. Stephens—Have you a defence?

Mr. Hinds—A good defence (Laughter).

Mr. Stephens—What?

Mr. Hinds—A good defence (Laughter).

Very well, I know now I'll have to meet you. Thank you, my Lord. Much obliged.

CH'ANG MIANG.

CELEBRATING POPULAR CHINESE FESTIVAL

THE FEAST OF TOMBS,

The *Straits Times* is indebted to a correspondent for the following article:—

Yes-ayday, the universal festival of Pure Brightness was celebrated by tens of thousands of Chinese in Singapore and Malaya, and wherever they are found outside their own country; as well as by the teeming millions in the Central Kingdom as they still call, what foreigners know as a China

In a custom, followed by hundreds of millions of the people, there must be many millions of dollars spent in the making, preparation and carrying to the graves, by a multitude of conveyances, of the tons of gold, silver, paper, the incense sticks, and the many different kinds of paper representations of things which are spread on the graves, or burnt in offering for the benefit of the hungry and neglected naked ghosts in the unseen world on whose behalf this great expense and trouble is taken.

ANCESTRAL WORSHIP.

The Chinese notion is that a man has three souls one of which goes to the grave, one is preserved in the ancestral tablet, and one

the earth-prison, or realm of darkness, seems in all happy land, when thought of at all. But there the spirits of the dead are supposed to be in want, and have need of clothes and money, so as to buy and sell and live much as they did when alive. So, on these occasions, paper houses, furniture, money, slaves, and whatever is thought desirable and useful are passed by fire into the other world. There is a great deal of confusion of thought among the Chinese on this subject; as formerly among the Greeks and Romans and the nations of antiquity, as also among the ancient Hebrews, until Christ shed His light upon the nations of mankind.

But the worship of an estors, and the hope of benefiting the dead by offerings is not to be

thrust aside with a laugh and a sneer. Dr. W. A. P. Martin, one of the ablest Chinese scholars, and a missionary still resident in China, after well nigh sixty years' residence

writes in his Hsin Papers: "The worship of ancestors springs from some of the best principles of human nature. The first concep-

tion of a life beyond the grave was, it is thought, suggested by a desire to commune with deceased parents. And, if it is natural that children should follow them with their

thoughts and affections, is it not equally natural that they should seek to call them back by the offering of such things as they require "while living?" Dr. Ma liu further says: "I do not object to ancestral worship as a system, but solely to those parts of it which ascribe divine attributes to the souls of the dead."

ORIGIN OF CH'ING MING.

The idolatrous ceremony of Ch'ing Ming

ook its rise for the benefit of neglected ghosts, and it is required of government officials as well as the common people that it should be observed, owing to the fact that the first Emperor of the Ming dynasty was in childhood a hero-boy. He lost his parents when young, and had no knowledge of the palace intrigues.

When he reached the throne, being unable to sacrifice at the grave of his ancestors, he commanded his officers throughout the Empire to sacrifice to the shades of those

whose graves were neglected. Thus, the Feast of Souls holds sway to-day over the millions of Chinese, and they "pity the unfortunates" by helping, as they best know how, in many cases with genuine alms.

The spread of rationalism among the Chinese

cutting at the bottom of such customs; but the best elements in them may well be saved and conserved, and, under wise teachers, the Chinese, when as a nation they become Christians, will not be unprofitable to the world.

their long roll of traditions and customs which have come down to them. Much resentment has been aroused in the minds of some of the best of the Chinese from the fact that

those who have set themselves to be 'their' instructors have not sought to know and appreciate their past history, literature and religions, but have in gross ignorance, in some instances

Instead of giving them light into the way
walk along a more excellent path, which
brings the fruits of righteousness as no other
way does to the same extent.

the Straits Times understands that a quantity of cash and currency notes which were on board the La Seyne when that vessel was

...had have recoolly been at work on the wreck-
...recovered money which at the time the

which occurred was being forwarded to Singapore, has been lodged with the Treasury.

"Mice and Men."

SUCCESSFUL PRODUCTION BY THE A.D.C.

PLAY ACCORDED A WARM RECEPTION.

Following upon the brilliant success achieved by the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club in their recent production of "The Trenchard," members of the talented organization again added to their laurels at the Theatre Royal last night in a more austere presentation—"Mice and Men." There is a general opinion prevalent which cannot be accounted for that the personnel of the A.D.C. are not gifted with sufficient versatility to put up a play of the type of "Mice and Men," a piece which undoubtedly requires acting, but the members composing the cast last night once again proved that they have enough histrionic abilities to handle every sort of production, whether they be comic opera, musical comedy or a roaring farce, with equal ease and they certainly came off with flying colours last night.

"Mice and Men" is a piece which is weirdly fantastic in some of its incidents but it is at the same time distinctly true to human nature. Mark Embury, scholar, scientist and philosopher, devotes a considerable portion of his time to experimenting with a number of foundlings with a view to the perpetuation of all that is healthy and vigorous in the human race to the benefit of mankind. He has as his friend and neighbour Roger Goodlake, a typical leaf-eating Englishman, who must vigorously dissent from Mark's views and describes the scheme as preposterous. From among seven foundlings which are brought to his study he chooses one named Peggy with the nickname of "Little Britain" as his ward and teaches her the intricacies of equilateral triangles and the mysteries of Homer. He is surprised with the unusual worldly knowledge displayed by his ward, whom he fondly supposes to be the personification of innocence, at an early stage of their relations and in about two years the matter becomes the pupil. Mark and Peggy out of sheer childish curiosity resolve to attend the function and with the help of Mrs. Deborah, Mark's housekeeper, dresses herself in silk and satin in the morning of the Ball and while engaged in inspecting herself in her resplendent glory Lovell enters the room. He has a brief conversation with her but Mark suddenly steps on the scene and Peggy disappears unceremoniously into an adjoining chamber. Mark, mistaking his nephew's real position, pours out his wrath on the luckless Lovell and after angry words have been spoken, during which Goodlake appears on the scene, Lovell leaves the house. He proceeds to the Ball in order to prevent Peggy from doing mischief and there meets Goodlake, who, having by some means got wind of the intimacy existing between his wife and his friend's nephew, becomes tempestuous. A scene is enacted and Goodlake is only able to control himself by Mark's interference. Mark asks his nephew to surrender his companion to her lawful guardian but Lovell absolutely refuses, in the course of which the supposed Joanna unmask herself and reveals to the astonished Goodlake that the familiar face of "Little Britain," Mark obtains Peggy's promise to marry him and the grateful simple creature, who has learnt to appreciate Mark's kindness, in order to make him happy, assures him that he is all in the world to her although her heart is with Lovell. Lovell determines to leave the country and obtains his uncle's sanction but at the last moment he is motivated to discover on going to bid good-bye to his uncle at the future scene of his happiness that Mark has left a message for him with "Little Britain" asking him to give up his loving life. Subsequently, Mark convinces Peggy that she should marry Lovell for her as well as his own good and all happily. In the course of the play the moral of the play "The best-laid schemes of mice and men of the gang aye" recurs, which is gradually discovered by the audience to give the title to the play.

The brunt of the work undoubtedly fell on the four principal characters in the play—Mark Embury, Captain Lovell, Roger Goodlake and "Little Britain." As the scene and dignified philosopher, Mr. Balloch played his part to perfection. Mr. E. S. Lindsey in the rôle of Roger Goodlake invested his acting with a natural ease which was thoroughly admired. The part of the uncle could not have been entrusted to better hands than Captain Addison, R. E., and Miss Ella Rowe in her association with him had the greater part of the work and brought out the full beauty of the part. Mrs. W. W. Looker as Joanna Goodlake was good, while Mrs. M. W. Slade as Mrs. Deborah scored a distinct success. Mr. H. W. Looker as Kit Barnier was in his element. Messrs. W. Worcester as Beadle, Mr. W. Rekol as Peter, Mr. Addison as the Matron and Miss Bembow had little to do but did it little well, while the rest of the cast ably supported the principals.

The following were the Committee—Messrs. A. Chapman, G. A. Caldwell, M. S. Northcote, E. Ormiston, J. Robertson, G. Balloch, and R. Sutherland (Stage Manager) to whose indefatigable efforts much of the success of the production was due.

The Band of the Buffs played between the acts and was thoroughly appreciated.

The following was the cast:

Mark Embury	Mr. G. Balloch
Roger Goodlake	Mr. E. S. Lindsey
Capt. George Lovell	Captain Addison, R.E.
Sir Harry Armitage	Mr. R. E. C. Master
Kit Barnier	Mr. W. Rekol
Beadle	Mr. G. W. Worcester
Joanna Goodlake	Mrs. H. W. Looker
Mrs. Deborah	Mrs. M. W. Slade
Matron	Miss Addison
Molly	Miss Bembow
Peggy	Miss Ella Rowe

Foundlings—Mrs. Potter, Mrs. Alabaster, Misses Edwards, Jacks, E. Potts, G. Potts and Bembow.

Guests at Mark's Ball—Messrs. Davidson, Oliver, Wedehouse, Shenton, Rosamond, Graves, Denys and Downbiggin.

ITALIAN CONVENT JUBILEE.

INTERESTING HISTORICAL RE-SPECT.

22th inst.

To-day that worthy institution known as the Italian Convent, which has for half a century prominently identified itself with good work in the Colony, especially in the direction of female education, celebrates its Golden Jubilee and therefore some interesting facts concerning the history of the Convent will be appreciated.

The Convent owes its foundation in 1868 to the Venerable Foundress of the Institution of the Canons Sisters of Charity—Margherita, the Marchioness of Canossa, in Italy. The Mother-house was established at Verona and the Novitiate for Foreign Missions at Pavia. On February 14th, 1868, in answer to an appeal from Hongkong four Sisters left Pavia for China. On their way, two more Sisters joined them at Venice, so that what may fairly be termed the pioneer band consisted of six Sisters who arrived at Hongkong on the 12th April, 1868, with Sister Lucia Cupis as first Superioress. Of the five Sisters who first landed in the Colony, five died at various dates in China. The surviving member of the Sisterhood is Rev. Mother Stella, who is at the present time in the Hongkong Convent. The Sisters had no sooner arrived in the Colony than they set to work in real earnest with a view to fulfilling the noble obligation which they had so voluntarily undertaken to carry out. They opened a day-school and foundling-house within the first month of their arrival in premises on Caine Road not far from the present building. Miss Emily Bowring, daughter of Sir John Bowring, the Governor of Hongkong, (1854-59) entered the Convent on the 28th April, 1869, and later became a Sister. She died in 1870, ten years later.

At the end of the first year, there were in the Convent 7 Sisters, 80 day-scholars, 4 boarders and 9 orphans. The first Chinese Sister took the veil in 1871. That lady still alive, as well as the first two Chinese orphan girls, who were received in the Convent. Five Sisters left for Hupoh, North China, on the 26th July, 1868, and founded the present Convent there at the request of Monsignor Zanelli, the then Vicar Apostolic of Hupoh. The first branch was opened at Hongkong in the Wanchai district in 1869 under the name of St. Francis' School, with a small hospital and refuge adjoining it. The modest premises have been since considerably enlarged. Mother Lucia Cupis, first Superioress, died at Hongkong on the 10th October, 1869.

Soon after the disastrous typhoons of 1874, a branch house was opened at Macao. Another branch was opened at Dilly (Timor) in 1879, the Sisters being shipwrecked on their way but were providentially saved and continued on their journey. Subsequently, district schools were opened at Soibida and Manauato, also in Timor. Schools were also founded at Cochim in 1880, Nalgau, 1890, Namtau, 1905, and Sambue, 1907. A school was opened in Bridge Street, Hongkong, 1280, Yau-mai 1887, Hougham, 1889, Shan-chi-wai, 1890, the last-named being on ground presented by Messrs. David Sassoon and Company. The "Sacred Heart School, West Point, was opened in 1893 and has since been converted into a Foundling House. Mother Lucia died on the 30th January, 1896, and was succeeded by Sister Theodora Lucian as Superioress, who to-day acts as the efficient assistant of Mother Martinio.

At the time of the first outbreak of bubonic plague in 1894, the Italian Sisters nursed patients in the isolation hospital at Kennedy Town. Sister Assia falling a victim to the disease whilst attending the Chinese patients. The Sisters were subsequently commended by Government for special services rendered. The St. Mary's School at Kowloon was opened in 1900. Mother Teresa Martinio succeeded Mother Theodora Lucian as Superioress on the 23rd April, 1909, "Roschill" property, adjoining the Convent was acquired in 1900, which enabled the Convent School and Orphanage to be very considerably enlarged on its present site in Caine Road. The figures compiled in December, 1909, are as follows and speak for themselves—Sisters—European 67; Chinese 41; total number of pupils in Hongkong and elsewhere, 1,400; of whom 64 are Chinese; orphans, 340, of whom 73 are European.

As we go to press an entertainment, by past and present pupils, is being held at the Convent in celebration of the occasion. The Governor presides at this afternoon's function. A full report will appear in our next issue.

ALLEGED CONSPIRACY.

MARICAN CHARGED BY ALLANA.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistracy this afternoon, S. A. Maricao was charged, at the instance of S. E. Allana, with having conspired against the complainant, whereby he caused an assault to be committed on the complainant on the 4th March last. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton prosecuted and Mr. M. R. Harris defended.

Mr. Shenton stated that defendant was charged with conspiring against Allana, as a result of which Allana was assaulted by a Indian named Ala Deen, who had since been convicted, on the 3rd March last in Wyndham Street as the complainant was returning home. D. R. Captain stated that he was manager of D. R. Captain and Company, 25, Hollywood Road. He knew the complainant, who was boarded up by the D. R. Captain and Company for which he paid \$25 a month. He had known defendant for five or six years, during which time the latter carried on business at 33, Des Voeux Road. He was in the habit of seeing him almost every day. He saw defendant on the 26th February last. Defendant asked witness to tell Allana to be careful and let him alone, otherwise he would break his head and take out his teeth and if he did not do it he would get other people to do it for him. He also said that he had already "fixed" a Patian to look after him. He told witness that he could see for himself that Allana did not leave him alone. Witness asked defendant what Allana had done to him and he replied that Allana was still going to the Official Receiver's office about the business of S. E. Allana and Company. Witness said he did not think that Allana could do anything, as the Official Receiver already knew everything. He further said that he had to go to Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist and also to Mr. Potter and that he had cost him \$1,000 in the last four days. Witness said to tell him to settle the whole matter. Witness knew Ala Deen, who used to work in Maricao's shop. Defendant told him that the man had obtained employment in the Hamburg-America Company. Before he obtained the last-mentioned employment, he worked in Maricao's place. Witness saw Maricao again on the 4th of March in his shop. Witnesses said: "You've got a good trap but the Patian didn't do well." Maricao replied: "Yes, the Patian told me so." He ran away. If he had come in the hands of the Patian, he would have fixed him all right.

Further evidence having been called, the case was adjourned.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

ANNUAL MEETING.

13th inst.

The thirty-seventh ordinary yearly meeting of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., was held at its head office at noon, to-day, for the purpose of receiving the report of the directors together with the statements of account to 31st December, 1909, and of declaring dividends, &c. Mr. A. Forbes (chairman of directors) presided. There were also present—Messrs. E. Ormiston, J. W. C. Bonnar, C. R. Lenzenmann, J. W. Bandow, H. A. Siebs, G. Balloch, F. Liebig, G. S. Medhurst (directors), C. Montague Ede (secretary), J. Whitall, A. B. Rouse, W. Dunbar, H. Humphreys, W. H. Wickham, M. M. Alvarez, J. Barton, T. L. Rose, H. W. Robertson, F. Smyth, Capt. J. T. Douglas, A. Skelton Hooper, H. Cook, A. Fletcher, G. C. Moxon, and Dr. J. Noble.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting,

The Chairman said:—Great amount of the report before you was issued on the 25th March, which has given you the opportunity of studying it and I therefore propose to take it as read. The premium income for 1908 is considerably less than that of the previous year, a little over a lac of which is a falling off on paper only, due to the higher rate of exchange at which sterling figures are transposed into dollars; the balance is a real falling off mostly due to smaller sterling takings in consequence of the general stagnation of trade and partly to the abandonment of the worst paying accounts, of which my predecessor in the chair told you yesterday, the management electing not to enter into a ruinous competition in certain trades which were known to be non-paying, preferring to wait until a natural incidence of losses in those trades caused a combination amongst underwriters with a view of placing rates on a more satisfactory footing. I am glad to be able to tell you that this action is justified by the results of the year following that under review. The movement in the direction of raising rates to a paying level is still going on, and although we hope the conditions to-day prevailing will continue, we must not forget that the history of marine underwriting does not warrant our counting on much more, but rather demands stricter vigilance on the part of our management. You will have read in the home papers that the published accounts for 1908 of our more powerful competitors, taken as whole, are dreary and disappointing reading. We should, no doubt, have had to come before you with a less satisfactory report than that presented to-day except for the fact that our business is so widespread that a series of losses suffered in one part of the world does not necessarily affect the result of the year's working as a whole. In the case of 1908, although we were interested in one of the liners last year our business elsewhere resulted in a handsome profit, and I think you may therefore be congratulated on the outcome for that year, showing, as it does, a divisible dividend of \$7,000,000. Out of this your directors propose paying a final dividend of \$50 per share, making the full dividend for 1908 \$50, placing \$10,000 to the credit of reinsurance fund and carrying forward a very substantial balance to the credit of underwriting suspense account which account as well as that of reinsurance fund both show marked increases. Your directors are of opinion that a very full one, having particularly in view the fact that interest earned by investments is only sufficient to pay about two-thirds of it. They think that, for the present, this should be looked upon as high water mark and that you should cordially approve of the policy of further building up reserves for some time to come and not look for any increase in the present dividend, which is twice the amount of the original capital called up. If you analyze the accounts of the large and small companies with whom we are in daily competition you will observe that their dividends are with few exceptions and in no few cases entirely paid out of interest, and although, if fortune continues to smile upon us, we hope never to be in the latter category we feel we cannot afford to overlook the tactics of our neighbours. The figures for 1909, as shown in the report, are quite satisfactory, showing a substantial increase in the balance carried forward, and your directors feel that they can safely recommend the payment of an interim dividend of \$30 per share for account 1909, as well as a bonus of 20% on contributory business. Although the report before you can, on the whole, be described as one of the best ever received, you will be glad to hear that we have not forgotten our staff, having voted a bonus of 15% of a year's salary to the Provident Fund of each member who is in our service on the 30th of this month.

There were no questions.

The Chairman moved the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. Skelton Hooper, in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts, said:—Mr. Chairman, I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts as to-day presented to us. We have listened with much interest to the remarks of the Chairman in the amplification of them and I am sure I am voicing the views of the shareholders when they are present or absent in heartily congratulating the Board on the splendid results of the management in deciding not to enter into ruinous competition in certain trades most commendable to all of us and as you have pointed out the results show the justification of the policy you have adopted. The business not being limited to any one part of the world has been conducive to the company's working maintaining its average prosperity. The fact that the outcome for the year enables you to show a divisible balance of practically a lac of dollars more than that for the previous year, is an all sufficient proof to show the prosperity of the Company and the able management under which it has been worked. The dividend of \$50 per share is indeed a handsome one and considering \$10,000 is placed to the credit of the reinsurance fund I am sure every shareholder will appreciate the prudent disposition of the profits. Before closing my remarks I am sure that not only the general body of shareholders but those who sit on the directors will extend to the management the thanks and appreciation for his faithful and zealous attention to the interests of the Company and his hearty acquiescence in the bonus proposed to be voted to them. (Applause.)

The motion was carried unanimously.

Messrs. J. W. C. Bonnar and A. Forbes were re-elected directors on the motion of Mr. Smyth seconded by Capt. Douglas.

Mr. Wickham moved, and Mr. Humphreys seconded, that Messrs. W. Hutton Potts and A. R. Lowe be re-elected auditors.

Agreed to *non est*.

The Chairman:—Gentlemen—That is all the business. I am much obliged for your attendance. It has been a very pleasant and profitable dividend. I have been very much pleased to see the shareholders have gone away in a very good way. I have been very much pleased to see the shareholders have gone away in a very good way. I have been very much pleased to see the shareholders have gone away in a very good way.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LD.

ANNUAL MEETING.

13th inst.

The forty-fourth ordinary yearly meeting of the China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., was held at its head office, this afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the report of the directors, together with the statements of account to 31st December, 1909, and of declaring dividends, &c. Mr. A. Forbes was in the chair. Others present were—Messrs. E. Ormiston, J. W. C. Bonnar, C. R. Lenzenmann, J. W. Bandow, H. A. Siebs, G. Balloch, F. Liebig, G. S. Medhurst (directors), C. Montague Ede (secretary), J. B. C. Whitall, A. B. Rouse, H. Hunter, H. J. M. Ede, A. B. Rouse, V. L. Remedios, A. E. A. J. A. Carvalho, J. F. A. Barros and J. Garza.

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen—I will, with your permission, take the report as read. A comparison of the years 1907 and 1908 shows a falling off of nearly two and a half lacs, partly due to the higher rate of exchange taken this year, but mostly due to a genuine falling off in sterling takings on account of the general stagnation of trade. Interest in 1908 shows a satisfactory increase. Turning to the other side of the account you will see that the commission and charges are less than the previous year while losses are a great deal smaller, the year resulting in a divisible balance of \$241,000, which we propose to deal with as follows:—to pay a final dividend of \$100 of \$50 per share, to add to sterling reserve fund \$10,000, to reinsurance fund \$5,000 and to carry forward the substantial balance of \$181,000 to underwriting suspense account, thus closing the account for 1908. Your directors have thought it wiser to build up the funds than to recommend the payment of a larger dividend. As regards 1909 account, there is a large increase in premium interest, remaining practically the same, while the balance carried forward is larger by \$50,000 than the previous year. On the whole we consider the figures satisfactory, and we therefore recommend the payment of an interim dividend of \$3 per share on account of 1909 and a bonus to contributors of 20%.

There being no questions,

The Chairman moved the adoption of the report and accounts.

Carried.

Mr. Whitall seconded.

Mr. Rouse moved that Messrs. J. W. C. Bonnar and A. Forbes be re-elected directors. Mr. Carvalho seconded.

Agreed.

On the motion of Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Cunha, Messrs. H. U. Jeffries and A. R. Lowe were re-elected auditors.

The Chairman:—That is all the business, gentlemen. Dividend warrants are now ready.

MR. AT KENNEDY TOWN.

MATCHED ALLIANCE.

13th inst.

In the early hours of this morning, the Fire Brigade received warning that an outbreak of fire had occurred at Kennedy Town Hospital. The Brigade, under Sergeant R. Macdonald, quickly responded to the call and before much time had elapsed the conflagration had been successfully combated by the members of the Brigade who had been called together by the summons of the fire-bell. It was fortunate that the ward of the Hospital in which the flames originated was unoccupied by patients, for the Brigade, as they were enabled to contain the fire without having to turn out the responsibility of saving life. Needless to say, every man worked with a will. The water supply was plentiful, and it was not long before the flames were completely subdued and all danger of the fire spreading to the other parts of the institution was past.

THE STRUCTURE

In which the outbreak originated was a matched used as a kind of annex to the Hospital in epidemic times and, of course, it went up like tinder. From such distant parts as Kowloon City the glare of the flames was clearly visible in the sky and on the other side of the Harbour many spectators were to be seen. A configuration of serious magnitude had taken place. But for the promptness of the Brigade in getting to the scene the consequences might have proved to be very serious, but, as usual, the service was excellent and effective in its results. A large crowd of spectators flocked to the spot. Good order was maintained by the Police, however, and the work of subduing the flames was satisfactorily accomplished in quick time. What the cause of the outbreak was has not been ascertained so far, nor is it very formidable, and considering the nature of the building and its contents cannot have been more than \$100.

STEAMSHIP ACCIDENT AT NAGASAKI.

"MYRMIDON" TWICE ON THE ROCKS.

Nagasaki, April 4.

The steamship *Myrmidon* of the China Mutual Steam Navigation Company, Ltd., from Glasgow and Liverpool to Japan, ran on the rocks at the mouth of the harbour on Saturday evening when leaving Nagasaki for Kobe. The vessel was re-loaded at 3.30 a.m. on Sunday, and was undamaged, but again stranded on the other side of the entrance. She was refloated at three o'clock this morning without assistance, and having received only slight damage, proceeded on her voyage to Kobe—Japan Chronicle.

A DYNAMITE EXPLOSION.

EXTENSIVE DAMAGE AT KOBE.

Kobe, April 7.

A terrific explosion of dynamite took place in Kobe Harbour at 6.40 a.m. to-day. The loss of life has been insignificant, but the damage done is widespread. Some 130 tons of dynamite blew up after a fire on board a bulk. The greatest damage was done to the Gas Works, where 70,000 cubic feet of gas were released. The explosion was of great magnitude. Fifty tons of dynamite on three other lighters were sunk, and efforts are now being made to raise these vessels.

Tokio, April 7.

While five thousand cases of dynamite were being transferred to lighters belonging to C. Nickel and Co., Ltd., from a German steamer at Kobe this morning, an explosion occurred. The shock was felt over an area of seven square miles. Immense damage was done ashore, many houses and godowns being wrecked. The Oriental Hotel and the Tor Hotel suffered great damage, and windows pointed out the hold, which is a very small one. There is no damage to any of the other holds, as mentioned in the previous report, and although the damage is very slight. We also learn that the vessel had no cargo for Baku.

IMPERIAL EMPIRE EXHIBITION, 1913.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RECOMMENDATIONS.

19th March, 1910.

The following reply to Government has been sent by the Chamber of Commerce:—

Hongkong, Chamber of Commerce, 19th March, 1910.

Sir,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 5th instant (No. 1329/1910) concerning the Imperial Empire Exhibition to be held in London in 1913. The enclosures referred to are returned herewith.

My committee are willing to furnish the local European houses with full particulars of the promoter sends the usual circulars and forms of application for space—any about 250.

Regarding the Chinese houses—I am to state that it would appear desirable for the Registrar General to represent to the Chinese manufacturers of silverware, ivory ornaments, carved blackwood, bambooware, &c., and particularly those who already exhibit in the Colony's Court at the Imperial Institute the advantage likely to be gained by sending exhibits.

Beyond the above recommendations, involving little, if any, expense, my committee do not consider the Government need go—I am, &c.,

(Sgd.) A. R. LOWE,

Acting Secretary.

Hon. Sir HENRY MAV, K.C.M.G., Colonial Secretary.

LIGHT ON KAPING ISLAND.

SHIPOWNER'S SATISFACTION.

16th March, 1910.

We have received the following for publication from the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce:—

Hongkong Chamber of Commerce, 16th March, 1910.

Dear Sir,—With reference to previous correspondence, I have now the pleasure to enclose, for the information of your Co-Signatories, copy of a letter from the Government showing what they have decided to do with regard to a light on Kaping Island.—I am, &c.,

(Sgd.) A. R. LOWE,

Acting Secretary.

Capt. R. D. THOMAS, C.B., Hongkong.

Capt. R. D. Thomas, in his letter dated 18th instant, thanked the Chamber for the information.

Hongkong Chamber of Commerce, 16th March, 1910.

Dear Sir,—We are informed by the Government that they propose to install an automatic acetylene gas beacon with explosive log-signal bell on Kaping Island for the better lighting of Capuimun Pass. The light will be of the 6th order, bright, occulting, and visible for 5 miles on a clear night.

My committee will be glad to know if you think this will meet the requirements of the traffic—I am, &c.,

(Sgd.) A. R. LOWE,

Acting Secretary.

Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd.

Similar letters were also forwarded to Messrs. Butterfield & Swire and the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamship Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1910.

Dear Sir,—With reference to your letter of 16th instant, regarding the installation of an automatic acetylene gas beacon with explosive log-signal bell on Kaping Island for the better lighting of the Capuimun Pass, we have now the pleasure to pass on to you the remarks of Mr. Christie, our Canton pilot, in the matter.

Mr. Christie writes:—

"Regarding the Government's proposal to light Capuimun Pass by means of an acetylene light together with log-signals, I consider this ample for the purpose of safe navigation, more especially as the proposed light has a good range, and will be situated on Kaping Island.—We are, &c.,

(Sgd.) JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LTD.,

General Managers.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.

A. R. Lowe,

Acting Secretary.

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1910.

Dear Sir,—I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 16th instant wherein you informed me of the Government's intention of installing on Kaping Island an automatic acetylene gas beacon light of the 6th order, bright, occulting, and visible for 5 miles on a bright night and fitted with explosive log-signal bell.

The commanders of this Company's vessels are of the opinion that this light will provide a better lighting of the Capuimun Channel and will meet the requirements of the traffic.—I am, &c.,

(Sgd.) JOHN ARNOLD,

Acting Secretary.

A. R. Lowe, Esq.,

Acting Secretary,

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

Hongkong, 31st March, 1910.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your letter of 16th instant we have to advise you that, in our opinion, the Government's proposal to install an automatic acetylene gas beacon with explosive log-signal bell on Kaping Island, will be of considerable assistance to the shipping passing through Capuimun Pass.—Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents, China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The Acting Secretary,

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, President.

The Chairman said the replies from the shipping companies showed the satisfaction they felt at the adoption by the Government of the suggestion for the better lighting of one of the most used approaches to the harbour.

ACCIDENT TO THE "KNIGHT BRANT."

FURTHER DETAILS.

The account of the accident to the British steamer *Knighr Brant*, as given in the vernacular papers, and quoted by us, appears to be somewhat inaccurate. The *Japan Chronicle* leaves from a correspondent that the facts are as follows:—The steamer is bound from Vladivostok to Port Blair for orders with a cargo of beans, about 11,000 tons, for Messrs. Samuel McGreggor & Co., Ltd. When two days out from Vladivostok the forepeak was forced to be full of water, and which she arrived at Shimoda steps were taken to have the water pumped out and the damaged cargo, about 80 tons, discharged. Messrs. Jones & Co. commenced discharging the cargo under great difficulties, as owing to the decomposition of the beans with salt water poisonous gases were formed which made work very dangerous, and several coolies were overcome by the fumes. Until midnight was started, and progress pointed out the hold, which is a very small one. There is no damage to any of the other holds, as mentioned in the previous report, and although the damage is very slight. We also learn that the vessel had no cargo for Baku.

COMMERCIAL.

WEEKLY SHARE REPORT.

Reviewing the share business for the week, Messrs. E. S. Kadorie and Co. write on the 8th inst.—The demand for local stocks continues and the market generally shows a hardening tendency.

Rubbers.—The market ruled very strong and active during the early part of the week, but has suffered a smart setback the last few days, closing, however, steady in London. Para Fine Hard Rubber is quoted 118d per lb., so it is probable the reaction will be only temporary.

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have improved to some extent and sales have taken place as high as \$980. London quotes \$80.70. Nationals are without any change with buyers at \$76.

Marine Insurance.—Canton continues in demand at \$170 and London at \$910. North China are unchanged at \$115 and Yangtze at \$120.

Fire Insurance.—China Fires have again found buyers at \$10 and Hongkong Fires at \$337.

Shipping.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats are offering at \$304 and might be had at a slightly lower rate. Indos are a strong market and \$75 is now obtainable. The price at home has risen to 27. China Manilas have been in some request and have been booked as high as \$5. Douglas Steamships have also come into favour but shares are strongly held and no shares are coming on the market. Shell Transporters have again been the medium of a large business and with a strong demand existing the price improved to 77.6, but at the close easier with sellers at 96.

Refineries.—China Sugars have further appreciated and the price has advanced to \$167, while a considerable business has been done forward. Luxons are unaltered at \$30.

Mining.—Rauhs have risen to \$81 but a few shares might be picked up at this price.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have strengthened to \$59; the price, however, is purely nominal as now that a demand has set in, there are no shares obtainable. Shanghai Docks are quoted at \$11.81. Kowloon Wharves have been sold to a small extent at \$8 and can now be placed at \$9. Shanghai and Hongkong Wharves have been sold at the improved rate of \$11.25.

Land, Hotels and Godowns.—Hongkong Lands remain unaltered at \$10 and Humphreys at \$34. Only a small business in Hongkong Hotels has taken place at \$107 for the old and \$151 for the new. Shanghai Lands are slightly higher at \$11.27.

Cotton Mills.—Hongkong Cottons have been booked at \$54 and more shares are wanted. Ewoh have not maintained their position and have dropped back to \$13. Other Northern Mills, according to latest mail advices, are as follows:—Lau Kow Mow \$11.23, International \$10.70, Soy Chee \$11.300.

Miscellaneous.—Dairy Farms continue strong and \$181 is now offered with no shares forthcoming. China Boroos have further advanced and can be placed at \$104. China Light and Powers are wanted at \$84. Green Islands have come into strong favour and after sales at various rates are now obtainable under \$7. Watsons have been sold as low as \$6, closing with many buyers at this rate. China Providents are in demand at \$8, after small sales. Langkats have buyers at \$11.420. Shanghai Sumatras are weaker at \$11.320.

Rubbers.—Anglo Malays opened strong during the early part of the week and as high as 37/6 was reached, but have since receded to 37/6. Allagars have also weakened to 3/6 from 9/6, the price at which they opened. Bortams have also weakened and at the close sales have been put through at 10/1. During the week Castlefields were sold at 110/- and 125/- with sellers from London at 130/-, but now come weaker. Carey United, with a strong demand, rose to 52/6 premium; at which a fair business was put through, but at the close are quoted at 49/- premium. Eastern Internationals also show a decline on the week's opening rate, and have been sold to London at 40/- premium. Goldconas close weak at 145/- and Highland and Lowlands at 180/- Kammings changed hands at 106/- premium after having risen to 136/- premium. Kuala Lumpur came weak at 22/- and 23/- after sales at 100/- after sales of the latter at various rates up to 150/- Leadrons have inquiries from London at 165/- for the fully paid shares. Linggis are a steady market at 60/- London Asiatics at 160/- and Sagras at 130/- Shellfords have declined to 85/- and Sengeli Chobos to 110/- Unated Serdings have been sold to London at 160/- Balgowies have now been split up and are quoted at \$26 in Singapore. Changkat Serdings are easier at \$28. Both Glenacly and United Singapore have been the medium of a fair business at rates up to \$4 for the former and \$4 1/2 for the latter. Felams are quoted at \$2 1/2. Indragas are quiet at \$18. Saodycrolas at \$90 and Pegohs in the neighbourhood of \$70.

Exchange.—The Bank's selling rate on London is 1/9.8 on demand. The T/T rate on Shanghai is 741.

HONGKONG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE NEW COMMITTEE.

The following gentlemen were elected to fill the vacancies caused by the resignations of Messrs. D. R. Law, H. E. Tomkins, and A. Babington, respectively—Messrs. H. W. Robertson, F. H. Armstrong, G. H. Medhurst.

It was also decided to ask Mr. Simon A. Levy, of Messrs. E. D. Sassoon & Co., to take a seat on the committee during the absence of Mr. E. Shenton from the Colony.

SUGAR IN FORMOSA.

UNPROFITABLE SCHEME ABANDONED.

We (*Japan Chronicle*) learn from Japanese papers that the scheme of the Esselco and Taiwan Sugar Companies in Formosa to produce white sugar has proved fruitless. It appears that the two companies proposed to produce white sugar direct from raw sugar, after the method adopted in Java. The Esselco Sugar Company produced about 2,000 bags of the sugar for trial, but both companies have found the result very unsatisfactory in view of the high price of coal, which increased the producing expenses, while the impurity of

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

14th inst.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber this afternoon. Present: His Excellency the Governor, Sir Frederick Lugard, K.C.M.G., Hon. Sir Henry May, K.C.M.G., Hon. Sir F. A. Hargland, (Colonial Secretary), Hon. Mr. A. M. Thomson (Colonial Treasurer), Hon. Mr. W. Chatham (Director of Public Works), Hon. Mr. F. J. Bodeley (Captain Superintendent of Police), Hon. Mr. A. W. Brewin (Registrar General), Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk, C.M.G., Hon. Mr. W. J. Gresson, Hon. Mr. K. Osborne, Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewitt, Hon. Mr. Murray Stewart, and Mr. O. Clementi (Clerk of Council).

AGENDA.

His Excellency Major-General R. G. Broadwood, C.B., Hon. Dr. Ho Kai M.B., C.M.G.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

PAPERS.

The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the following papers:—

Financial returns for the year 1909.

Report of the Registrar of the Supreme Court for 1909.

Report on the Police Magistrates' Courts.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.

The Colonial Secretary laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 13 to 26. It was agreed that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT.

The report of the Finance Committee, No. 2 of 1910, was confirmed.

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

The Colonial Secretary, in moving the following resolution standing in his name:—

"It is hereby resolved that a sum of two million and one hundred thousand dollars be advanced out of funds in the custody of the Government for the purpose of construction of the Kowloon-Canton Railway (British Section) during the year 1910."

said that a financial statement had been issued showing how the expenditure for the current year was applied. The expenditure had been put down at \$1,800,000, in rough figures. The increase was principally due to the increased expenditure on earthworks, the tunnels and the permanent way. The increase was fully explained some time ago. The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

NEW LAW COURTS SITE.

Hon. Mr. Murray Stewart: I rise to move "That in the opinion of this Council it is desirable to reserve for public purposes the plot of land situated on the sea front to the north of the new Law Courts."

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Government's proposal. He favoured it only because it was a compromise. He could not support the proposal of the length of time the Government would take to erect a building and because he had no confidence that until they were ready to build they would clear away hovels and disreputable, discreditable makeshifts which still, I am sorry to say, disgrace the Prince. He thought that pre-emptive action would be raised against laying out the enclosure as an open space pending the day when they would be ready to build. He was impatient, that was all. But I reminded him that we have your Excellency's assurance that the hovels in question will be swept away as soon as possible. The terms of this pre-emptive action enable many to come in under it who do not feel strongly attracted by the City Hall idea. It is possible to disagree about that; and yet to agree on the lines of my resolution. The influential signed letter sent into the Colonial Secretary, the day before yesterday, is perhaps the best argument I can put forward in support of it. If the Government are in any way seriously disposed to be guided by it, I cannot believe that they will disregard such a weighty letter. It was signed by over 40 justices of the peace, among them all the leading men of the British mercantile community. More signatures could have been obtained, if time had permitted, but there was reason to believe that unless the protest was made promptly the Government would definitely commit itself. I believe that many of the general public would have signed on had opportunity afforded. But in any case the support of over 40 of the particular section of the public, which is pretty well the whole of the mercantile community, is a strong support for the matter. The letter amplifies the resolution by particularly pointing out the principal "in view of possible future developments of this Colony."

Other reasons for reverting this decision to sell are thereby suggested. Apart from the question of a City Hall but particularly in view of possible future developments of this Colony, are you quite sure that the Government will never have reason to regret parting with this site? Will no extension of our public offices require to be made? Is the space provided in the new building not a Government issue of notes? Will the available space in the Post Office—where I understand you propose to have your Treasury—always be available? Hardly, I imagine, if the mail services increase. Where and how are our Government offices to be placed? Where are our Railway offices to be placed? You would need to house some of the staff on this side of the harbour. I would say I merely throw out these suggestions to show that I do not seek to advance only the considerations to which I am personally attached. Nor do I seek to advance only the interests of that section of the community which I have the honour to represent. I advance also considerations with which the administration has concerns. My protest embraces all objections. As far as I am able to judge, it indicates the views of an overwhelming majority of the British section of this community. For this opinion the Government has asked me to express this resolution you have a common cause as to it.

His Excellency the Governor, in the course of his reply, appreciated the intentions of the hon. member, and said he was not less interested in the artistic beauty of the approach to the Colony than the member. What he proposed to call Royal Square surrounded as it was by statues of Their Majesties the King and Queen and Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales encircling the statue of the late viceroy, the Duke of Devonshire, it was quite true that the site proposed would not distort the vista when the square proposed were finished. The interest on the land including permanent assessed taxes would amount to a sum of \$4,000 a year in the next two years. He was afraid it would be a very considerable number of years there was no likelihood of any considerable margin for public utility or other enterprises. He thought it was high time they should begin the extension of the Typhoon reservoir. He believed also it was a matter of great importance that they should repair the Mazarine pier and provide extra accommodation for the police in the extra station. It was also necessary to provide a pier opposite the Royal Square. There were other things that should be done and if this site were sold he would remark the small amount that would be necessary to provide a proper pier at this point. In these circumstances he did not think the Colony was in a position to forego the advantageous conditions under which the site was to be sold. If the site remained non-committed for ten years the Colony would lose no less than half a million and if it remained uncommitted for 20 years the loss would be more like a million and a half. The land would fall in due course and in case of urgent need, the Colony would have a local Ordinance which gave them all the power they needed. With regard to the question of other sites for Government offices and buildings or buildings of the class there were other sites at the Law Courts and the Post Office, together with other sites. The hon. member desired that on this site there should be erected a building which should stand up in this Colony as an edifice of stability and artistic design. That it should be a granite building erected by the P.W.D. That it should be a very large building and they would only give the first and they would still be out of this sum of \$4,000. The Government made it a condition that not less than \$100,000 should be spent by the purchasers or the building. The purchasers were the Standard Oil Company and the wealth of that firm made it certain that they would erect on this site a building worthy of the Colony. He warned hon. members that if they pressed this resolution they would postpone any work of public utility that might be necessary because he feared that there would be the necessary money for that purpose unless they could secure funds in any other way. It was his opinion that this Colony would not be in a position to erect a public building of the character designed by the hon. member for the next 20 years. He felt sure that with reference to the letter signed by several gentlemen and sent to the Government, the gentlemen who sent it were not aware of the facts which he had presented.

Mr. Osborne said: Had this resolution been brought forward in connection with open space in the crowded district of the Prince, it would have given it my whole-hearted support; but seeing that the land in question, a valuable site, is heavily surrounded by open spaces, the Cricket and tennis grounds across the road, the public square adjacent, and the whole harbour, in front, I think that to transform it into a paltry flower patch, when we already possess beautiful gardens a short distance up the hill would be an act of waste and unbecomingly luxury; I add the only benefit that would be to give an aesthetic setting to the front of the Hongkong Club. In regard to the second reason, that the land should be reserved for future public buildings, the argument strikes me as being somewhat strained, considering that we already possess suitable offices for all public affairs except the Law and the Post, buildings for which are in process of erection, and it is generally believed, will in the fulness of time be ready for occupation. The Colonial Secretary's office and the Public Works Department might perhaps with advantage be located on this site, but I do not think that under the present financial circumstances of the Colony the benefit of such a change would justify Government in sacrificing the large sum offered and which will enable work to proceed on more than one needed public improvement, amongst which, as pointed out by your Excellency, are Statue Park, Kowloon pier, to which I should like to add public bathing grounds East and West, and the adornment of that unpretentious wilderness known as King's Park. The hon. member reminded us in public print much to your Excellency, I think we need no such reminder. During the past 25 years, Sir, Hongkong has never been out of the builders' hands, almost everything we possess that makes for progress, comfort and convenience has been provided during the last quarter of a century—Reclamations, Waterworks, Roads, Public and Private Offices, Clubs, Hotels, Dock, Wharves, Recreation grounds, Tramways, Industrial buildings, Churches, Schools, Hospitals, and finally the University, for which the Colony owes so much to your Excellency, testify with force and eloquence to the manner in which residents whose working days are nearly over have provided for the Colony's future to the benefit of posterity rather than themselves. With the opening of the Railway Hongkong commences a new chapter of its history and if the men who come after us, are able during next 25 years, to show as good a record as this, then, Sir, posterity will have even less use than we do today, for a flower garden on the finest site in the Colony.

Mr. Hewitt said he was opposed to the resolution and explained his reasons for his attitude. Mr. Gresson, referring to the letter sent to the Government and signed by him said if he had known the facts as stated by His Excellency he would never have signed it. He had found out since then that the price the Government was to get for the ground largely exceeded his expectations. He congratulated the Government on securing an additional six lakhs for the Colony. He felt in these circumstances that he could not support the resolution and he wished to withdraw his signature to the letter (applause).

The Colonial Secretary read extracts from Hansard reports of previous debates on this subject. Mr. Murray Stewart replied at length to the criticisms offered and suggested that the resolution should at least be delayed until he had obtained further public opinion on the subject. The Council refused to agree. The resolution was put to the vote and lost by 9 votes to 2.

His Excellency informed the Council that the Secretary of State had announced the appropriation of a grant in the next financial estimates of £20,000 from Imperial funds towards the Colony's loss in opium revenue. He explained that he had suggested to the Secretary of State that the grant for compensation should not refer to one year only.

PHARMACY BILL. The Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill entitled an Ordinance to amend the Pharmacy Ordinance, 1908. The Colonial Secretary seconded. The Bill read a first time.

By section 3 it is provided that in all contracts or other documents to be signed by the Governor or other public officer it shall not be necessary to name such officer; it shall be sufficient to name the office he holds and such public officer for the time being shall be deemed to be a party thereto as if he were a corporation sole.

Section 4 is similar to section 3 except that it provides for contracts and other documents signed prior to the passing of this Ordinance. By section 5 a contract made in England by the Crown Agents for the Government of Hongkong shall, in the event of the said contract coming within the jurisdiction of the Courts here, be deemed to have been made by the Governor.

By section 6 it is provided that the "mission to assist the public officer after his signature to any document shall not exclude such document from the operation of this Ordinance."

Section 7 is similar to section 3 except that it provides for contracts and other documents signed prior to the passing of this Ordinance. By section 8 a contract made in England by the Crown Agents for the Government of Hongkong shall, in the event of the said contract coming within the jurisdiction of the Courts here, be deemed to have been made by the Governor.

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ITALIAN CONVENT'S JUBILEE.

SIR HORMUSJEE MODY FOUNDED "LUGARD" SCHOLARSHIPS.

YESTERDAY'S CELEBRATIONS.

13th inst.

There was a very large gathering of parents and friends of the pupils of the Italian Convent schools present at the entertainment yesterday given by past and present pupils in celebration of the golden jubilee of the institution's foundation in Hongkong. A large marquee was erected on the spacious playground for the accommodation of the several hundred visitors. The marquee was very prettily decorated with flags and bunting and a profusion of flowers and pot plants. A floral legend in figures—"1860-1910"—surmounted the stage.

His Excellency the Governor and suite, Capt. P. M. Taylor (A.D.C.) and N. Simoes (private secretary) arrived punctually at the appointed time for the proceedings to commence. His Excellency was accompanied by his staff by the Right Reverend Bishop, Dr. Pozzoni, and Rev. Mother T. Maritona, the Superior. The gentlemen who acted as M.C.s on the occasion were the Rev. Father G. Spada, and Mr. Leo, d'Almada e Castro. Among those present were: Lady May, Commodore, Mrs. and Miss Lyon, Miss Ingles, Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Atkinson, the R.C. Bishops of Japan and Tonkin, Mr. E. Irving (Director of Education), Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Leiria, Mrs. Romano, Mrs. Roxaria, Chev. Z. Volpicelli, Capt. d'Almada, the Misses P. G. S. Addis, J. H. N. Mody, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Addis, Mrs. F. Spada, P. de Maria, A. Naval, Misses Loureiro, Masters D. Percebois, F. A. Gomes, and R. A. Gubbay.

The proceedings opened with a prettily rendered chorus by over a hundred girls from all the schools in the Colony conducted by the Convent. Miss Emily d'Almada e Castro then read a historical review of the origin, development and present position of the Convent, at the conclusion of which she said:—"The record just presented of the fifty years' existence of the Italian Convent in Hongkong is one which amply justifies its promoters in the inception of a scheme that has produced results scarcely far in excess of the most sanguine anticipations fifty years ago. These results have been achieved in a large measure under the fostering care of a paternal Government which has pitied and maintains the Grant Scheme of education; by a community whose aid towards charity assumes a very practical form; and by an enlightened and impartial Press ever ready to lend its support to measures tending towards the betterment of the voiceless and the helpless. To the Government of Hongkong, to the community—British, foreign and Chinese, without distinction—and to the representative members of the Fourth Estate, the concluding lines of this historical review place on permanent record the great indebtedness of the Superior, the Sisters and their scholars for the co-operation so unflinchingly given and the tacit approbation of their work so ungrudgingly accorded during the past fifty years."

His Excellency said:—"Your Lordship, Ladies and Gentlemen, I have been asked to make an announcement to you to-day on behalf of Sir Hormusjee Mody. He has decided to found seven scholarships to grant to pupils in this Colony, at a time when he has asked me to make the announcement. The schools are: the Joseph's College, the Ellis Kadourie, the Doreen Girls' School, the Italian Convent, St. Mary's Kowloon, the French Convent, St. Francis, Wanchai. And to this list he has added an eighth name by giving a scholarship to the Victoria Boys' School at the east end of the city. (Applause.) To establish these scholarships, which will be worth \$50 a year for two consecutive years, Sir Hormusjee Mody intends to invest \$1,000 on behalf of each school. Trustees will be appointed, and they will draw interest on the sum for the annual scholarships. Sir Hormusjee has very kindly proposed to call them after his own name and although I would much prefer that they were called after the name of the donor he gave me to offer in the matter, so they are to be called the Lugard Scholarships. (Applause.) They are to be open to all who are domiciled in the Colony without respect to nationality. By being domiciled Sir Hormusjee means that they will be resident here three years. As I said, trustees will be appointed, but a large discretion will be vested in the Governor of the day to settle any points without reference to Counsel or lawyers. It gives me the greatest pleasure to announce this latest phase of the generosity of Sir Hormusjee Mody, whose gifts have been so many to this Colony. I have myself since I have been here been able to announce three or four large and generous gifts which he has made. I am particularly glad to be able to make this announcement to-day because this Convent and its sister school at Kowloon are among the beneficiaries that will have scholarships. We listened just now to such a very interesting account of the origin, history and extraordinary progress of this Convent; during the last fifty years that there is nothing left for me to add on the subject. And, indeed, we have such a very interesting programme to get through that I was not desired to make any speech at all. I merely wish to say, on behalf of myself and the large audience, that we are here to testify by our presence to these noble works which have given their lives to this work our appreciation of what they are doing day by day; to show them how keenly we appreciate their work; and to wish them continued success and continued progress, such as they have had during the past fifty years. (Applause.)"

His Lordship Bishop Pozzoni said:—"Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen, before anything else, I wish to thank your Excellency for the announcement you have just made of the scholarships which Sir Hormusjee Mody, in his goodness of heart, has seen fit to give to three of our schools under the charge of the Sisters of Charity. (Applause.) Within one month your Excellency has sprung upon the community two very agreeable surprises. The first is intimately associated with the second, and in both instances I feel sure the unexpected news is welcomed by the community to an extent equal to the importance of the announcements. The editor of a leading Far Eastern journal struck a pithy caption when he headed the report of the proceedings of the recent ceremony of laying of the foundation stone of the Hongkong University: 'A Hongkong Benefactor.' In Sir Hormusjee Mody the Colony possesses the prototype of the Scottish benefactor in the promotion of education. (Applause.) And you, Sir, have further enhanced that princely gift by permitting your name to be associated with the scholarships which shall be for all time known as the 'Lugard' Scholarships. It is a fitting memorial of the great interest you have evinced to all that appertains to education in Hongkong—as interest which received its crowning glory in the culminating ceremony performed in connection with the laying of the foundation stone of the Hongkong University not quite a month ago. To you, Sir, and to Sir Hormusjee Mody, I wish to express the Convent's most grateful thanks for the 'Lugard' Scholarships. I am only very forcibly voicing the sentiments of the Convent when I say that the Sisters feel very deeply grateful for the kind manner you have related to the institution's work during its fifty years in Hongkong. In the opening pages of the book which I trust you will be taking away with you as a memento of the celebration is conveyed

tion with the Golden Jubilee of the Convent, the Rev. Mother has already expressed her acknowledgments for all the many favours of which the Sisters and pupils have been the recipients for the past half a century. It only remains for me now to again thank you for this additional mark of interest in the institution's work that is so unmistakably evidenced by the large and distinguished gathering here to-day. In the name of the Mother Superior, the Sisters and the pupils of the Convent I thank your Excellency, and you, ladies and gentlemen, for the honour of your presence this afternoon (Applause)."

A lengthy programme of songs and instrumental pieces were then gone through. It was of special merit as it was entirely contributed to by the pupils of the Convent exclusively. The programme was as follows:—

1.—Chorus—"Faith, Hope and Charity" (G. Rossini)—Pupils of St. Mary's School (Kowloon). Pupils of Italian Convent.
2.—English Address—"Fifty Years Ago"—Miss Emily d'Almada e Castro.
3.—Song—"Sing Sweet Bird" (W. Ganz)—Miss Edith Carvalho, Accompanied by Miss J. L. de Salvia Alves.
4.—Fiano Duet—"Automobile" (J. Burgmüller)—Misses E. Abravanti and E. Paulo, Miss R. Ellias.
5.—Italian Poem—"Maddalena e la Fanciulla"—Miss K. Euston.
6.—Song—"Ave Maria" (L. Luzzi)—Miss G. Lyons, Accompanied by Miss M. Ah Wee.
7.—Portuguese Address—"A Caridade em Accção"—Miss M. Loureiro.
8.—Instrumental Quintette—"Flora" (G. P. Pini)—Misses J. L. de Salvia Alves, M. Barradas, A. Gutierrez, G. Remedios, and C. Ribeiro.
9.—Chorus—"Il Lavoro" (G. Fiumi)—Pupils of Wanchai School, Accompanied by Miss G. Lyons.
10.—Piano Solo—"L'Addio" (A. Gioia)—Miss E. Iest.
11.—Song—"Saved by a Child" (M. Piccolini)—Miss J. L. de Salvia Alves, Accompanied by Miss M. Ah Wee.
12.—Chinese Address—Miss A. Kwok.
13.—Song—"Il Figlio Della Provvidenza" (G. De Vecchi)—Misses B. Elias and P. Paulo.
14.—Song—"Mia Madre" (G. Costamagna)—Miss C. Castro, Accompanied by Miss M. Ah Wee.

15.—Instrumental Quintette—"Wedding of the Winds" (F. Hail)—Arranged by Prof. F. Gonzalez)—Misses J. L. de Salvia Alves, M. Barradas, A. Gutierrez, G. Remedios and C. Ribeiro.
"GOD SAVE THE KING."

Daily books of the programme, with the addresses in English, Portuguese and Chinese were distributed to the assemblage. The half-tone illustrations enhance the value of the publication. The book was printed at the Naxos Printing Establishment at Pokfulam, the litho cover, artistically designed, being the work of the Hongkong Printing Press.

SIR JOHN CARRINGTON.

AND THE NAVY LEAGUE.

It is interesting to note that Sir John W. Carrington, C.M.G., who, during his tenure of the Chief Justiceship of Hongkong, did so much for the local Volunteer body, is now taking an active interest in that eminently patriotic body, the Navy League. In the League journal, *The Navy*, we note that he, as president of the Reading branch, acted as chairman at the annual meeting at which one of the standbys was Rear-Admiral H. L. Fleet. According to the report of the committee, the most interesting event of the year was the establishment of the training ship *King Alfred* on the Thames between Reading and Gaverham.

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A POLICE PRESENTATION.

DEPARTURE OF MR. FARQUHARSON.

Yesterday evening an interesting function was held at the Police Recreation Club's quarters at Happy Valley on the occasion of the departure from Hongkong of Mr. K. J. Farquharson, who is leaving the local Police Force to take up an inspectorship in the Police Force of the Federated Malay States. Mr. Farquharson has served in one of the best forces at home and during the three years that he has been in the Hongkong service he has not only done good work as an officer but has made many friends both among his colleagues and among the general public. Yesterday's presentation was got up by his friends in the service and it is needless to say that it was invested with no little interest. Chief Detective-Inspector J. W. Hanson, on behalf of the members of the Club, handed to Mr. Farquharson a fine gold Albert, conveying with it the hearty wishes of all present, as well as friends absent, the hope that he would fare well in Malayan lands. Mr. Farquharson proceeded via Singapore to Kuala Lumpur, and thence will be transferred to one of the other of the districts into which that territory is divided. When he left the Club yesterday on his "southward journey," by the *Chonghai*, there was a big crowd of friends to see him to the service and it is needless to say that he was the best of good wishes from all who knew him.

OUTBREAK OF PLAGUE IN AMOY.

DR. J. A. OTTE A VICTIM.

A telegraphic message has been received from Amoy reporting that plague has broken out in that city. Twenty deaths have occurred among the Europeans, including that of Dr. J. A. Otte, of the Reformed Church body in America, who was in charge of the Hope Hospital. Much sympathy will be felt for Mrs. Otte in her bereavement.

It is just possible that the disease is confined to the native city, which has the reputation of being the dirtiest of any in China. For the sake of the inhabitants, it is fortunate that the hot weather is so close at hand, for the dread disease thrives in the damp seasons almost exclusively.

We are led to understand that arrangements are under way for procuring a supply of plague serum from Hongkong to help in fighting the outbreak.

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE.

ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The St. Stephen's College annual sports were held in ideal weather, at the race course, this afternoon. The attendance was a large one and the events keenly contested. The Band of the 13th Rajputs, under Mr. C. T. Coles, provided the afternoon's proceedings with selections of music pleasingly rendered.

The results up to the time of going to press were as follows:

1. SENIOR CUP, 100 yards—1st heat. This event was not run off in heat.

2. JUNIOR CUP, 100 yards—1st heat.

1. Ho Wing Yuen; 2. Ho Wing Li; 3. Li Ying Chiu.

2nd heat—Ng Yze Kwong; 1. Chau Chung Nin; 2. Chau Nei Nin.

3. FIVE-YARD THUNDER CRICKET BALL (Open).

1. Lee; 2. Chau Mei Chung.

4. CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE COLLEGE, 100 yards.

1. Chan Min Hing; 2. Wong To Kie.

5. UNDER FIVE-YARD, 100 yards.

1. Ng Yze Kwong; 2. Chau Nei Nin.

6. SENIOR CUP, 100 yards, 1st heat.

1. Ng Hing Tung; 2. Chau Mei Chung; 3. Ho Mei Chik.

7. JUNIOR CUP, 100 yards, Final.

1. Li Ying Chiu; 2. Ho Wing Yuen; 3. Ho Wing Li.

8. SENIOR CUP, 220 yards.

1. Ng Hing Tung; 2. Chau Mei Chung; 3. Ho Mei Chik.

9. HIGH JUMP JUNIOR.

Ho Wing Yuen; 2. Ho Wing Li and Li Ying Chiu.

Ho Lee and Li Ying Tung for second place.

Height: 2 ft. 8 in.

10. HIGH JUMP SENIOR.

1. Ho Lee; 2. Ho Wing Kai and Chau Sing Nin.

Height: 3 ft. 11 in.

11. PREPARATORY SCHOOL, 100 yards.

1. Chan Kai Yuen; 2. Chau Yui Lin.

12. JUNIOR CUP, 200 yards.

1. Yuen Ling Hing; 2. Ho Wing Yuen; 3. Ng Yze Kwong.

13. SENIOR CUP, 440 yards.

1. Ng Hing Tung; 2. Ho Mei Chik; 3. Wong Kai Chung.

14. MATHEMATICAL RACK (Open).

1. Chan Nei Nin; 2. Ng Yze Kwong; 3. Ho Wing Yuen.

15. ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE: Form's Flag Race.

1. No. IV; 2. No. IV; 3. No. III.

BOXING ON SATURDAY.

As will be seen from our advertising columns, the postponed welter-weight boxing tournament is to be held at the Belle Vue Stadium on the evening of Saturday next, commencing at nine o'clock. The names that figure on the programme are a sufficient guarantee that the show will prove to be one of the best that have been seen in the Colony, and it is to be hoped that Captain Wing of the 1st Lieut. Hotel will get a full share of the liberal patronage which has been extended to the fight in Hongkong within recent times. The main event is a five-minute round between those well-tried fighters, Captain Roberts of H.M.S. Kent and Taft O'Rear of the Torpedo Depot. There will also be a round-off between Gunner Badbrook, 88th Company, R.G.A., and Gunner Arundel, 8th Company, R.G.A., besides several preliminaries; so that all lovers of boxing may be sure of seeing a really fine display.

STORMY WEATHER ON THE PACIFIC.

ROUGH VOYAGES FROM JAPAN.

Very stormy weather was experienced in crossing the Pacific from Japan last month. After being caught in the teeth of a gale which shook the vessel from stem to stern, and mountainous waves threatened to engulf the ship and send the crew to death, the British steamer *Haas* arrived at San Francisco on March 9th, bringing one of the most harrowing tales of the sea. The *Haas* Dollar was fifty-six days from Hongkong and encountered the storm five days out from Japan.

Partly dismasted and her cargo of lumber gone, Captain Ridley brought his vessel into port, lucky to be alive then, and the loss of a rich cargo. The ship had hardly docked, says a San Francisco paper, than her commander announced that he would never go to sea again.

The *Haas* Dollar was a thousand miles off the coast of Japan when the south-east struck the ship. The gale raged with terrific velocity and the vessel hampered by the heavy load of lumber, cracked and groined under her burden. It was while relaying much of the cargo to right the ship that several of the crew narrowly missed being swept overboard. Buffeted about in this manner, the crew were in fear of death. The pipe railing was swept away and the vessel was generally dismantled before the gale subsided. Everything portable had been swept overboard.

A succession of gales retarded the progress of the *Haas* Dollar. Soon after being released from the grip of the first terrific storm, when the vessel crept into port she was more like a phantom of the sea than the trim little ship that left Hongkong fifty-six days ago. Captain Ridley's determination to quit the sea was probably prompted by the experiences of the last trip of the vessel. The commander declared that he was never nearer going down into the murky depths of the ocean.

The French steamer *Amiral Bugeaud*, Captain Esquerre, arrived at San Francisco on March 11th from Antwerp via Yokohama and ports, with a large cargo of merchandise. Captain Esquerre reported that on February 17th, after leaving Kobe, they experienced heavy north-west gales which broke the doors and windows in the cabin and swept everything from deck.

CLAIM FOR RETURN OF BARRINGS.

INTERESTING DISCUSSION AT THE SUMMARY COURT.

At the Summary Court this morning, Mr. Justice Gompertz, P. M. Judge, delivered his decision in the case in which Ida Weinbarr brought a claim against a body of Holstein to recover a pair of diamond earrings valued at £100. In the course of his decision, his Lordship stated that he found that the earrings were the property of the plaintiff and held that notwithstanding the fact that the earrings were sold through the Official Administrator to the defendant, he could see no reason why the plaintiff should be deprived of her property. He therefore entered judgment for the plaintiff with costs.

Mr. Jackson (for the defendant)—On behalf of the defendant I ask that no costs should be allowed.

His Lordship—I don't see why the Captain Superintendent of Police should have caused a delay in the proceedings.

Mr. Jackson—The suit was only filed on Wednesday and the Captain Superintendent was taken ill and the case was first mentioned on Saturday.

Mr. Harris (for the plaintiff)—I ask that costs should be awarded to the plaintiff.

Mr. Jackson—It is an exceptional case. Mr. Deane, Jr. (for the Crown Solicitor)—I never heard of such a thing.

His Lordship—I think I will give costs against the Crown. The earrings were taken away by force I think.

Mr. Jackson—Will your Lordship grant a stay of execution for a week?

Mr. Harris—I don't think a stay can be granted.

Mr. Jackson—The effect of your Lordship's judgment will be that other proceedings will be taken either against the Official Administrator or the defendant.

His Lordship—That may be so.

Continuing, his Lordship said he did not think much harm could be done if a stay of execution was granted.

Mr. Harris—Your Lordship will make an order for costs I suppose? The stay is only in respect of the earnings.

His Lordship—You have no objection, Mr. Jackson?

Mr. Jackson—No, my Lord.

His Lordship made an order that the earnings be returned to the plaintiff within seven days.

AMATEUR BILLIARD CHAMPIONSHIP.

SEMI-FINAL.

The Billiard Championship matches are coming to a close. Last night the last match in the semi-final took place at the V.R.C. The attendance was a poor one. During the evening's play Pitt made an excellent 71 break and his next best was 43. Yvancovich's best was 38. Pitt won the game comfortably with 137 points to spare. His best breaks were 19, 21, 20, 42, 24, and 30. Yvancovich's were 17, 19, 20, 28, and 17.

Mr. Bridger, the hon. secretary of the V.R.C., announced that a game of 500 up will take place to-night between Messrs. Leung Kam Kwong and Carvalho. The final will take place on Monday instead of Saturday.

HONGKONG SCHOOLS ATHLETIC SPORTS.

PRELIMINARY HEATS.

The preliminary heats of the school sports took place yesterday afternoon at the Rice Course. The results are as follows:

100 YARDS FLAT RACE, Handicap, for boys over 10 and under 14 years of age.

Pun Chee Luh	1
Chan Wong Hong	2
Ho Kam-poi	3
Li Kam Yuen	4
Wong Shan-ying	5
A. O.	6
E. Castro	7
F. Marques	8
Francisco Sequiera	9
J. O'Neil	10

100 YARDS FLAT RACE, HANDICAP, CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT—for boys under 17 years of age.

A. Katrim	1
A. Hall	2
J. Hays	3
Yuen Tse Fung	4
Tau Kin Fui	5
M. Omar	6

200 YARDS FLAT RACE, HANDICAP, for boys under 17 years of age.

A. Oim d	1
F. Loureiro	2
F. Carvalho	3
Leung Po Yan	4
Maji Senher	5
Abdul Aziz	6

1 MILE BICYCLE RACE, Open to all ages.

Obeurg U. Pui	1
N. L. Raiton	2
R. Lee	3
G. C. Jorvis	4
Carlos Vis	5
G. Rost	6

220 YARDS FLAT RACE HANDICAP, Open to all ages.

J. 'aas	1
A. R. Samy	2
A. Gifford	3
P. H. Rathnam	4
A. 'o	5
M. Omar	6

QUARTER MILE HANDICAP CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT, CHALLENGER CUP—Open to all ages. Ellis Kendoris Challenge Cup to be won three years in succession to become the property of any boy.

A. R. S. my	1
Kwok Shiu Yan	2
F. C. Holm	3
W. Siemsen	4
Wong Shue Min	5
A. Ho	6

A MONEY-LANDING CASE.

ALLEGED FALSE STATEMENT BY DEFENDANT.

15th inst.

In the Summary Court this morning, Phan Singh sued T. A. and L. G. Cordeiro to recover the sum of \$400 due under a promissory note. Mr. J. H. Gardiner appeared for the plaintiff while the defendants appeared in person.

His Lordship (To one of the defendants)—Do you owe the money?

Defendant—1 signed the promissory note but I did not get all the money.

You have signed the note and you must pay the money. What do you get?—\$75 a month. Are you married?—No.

What are your expenses?—I have to pay \$15 a month to a money-lender.

On a former judgment?—Yes.

Can't you live on \$50 a month?—No. How old are you?—Twenty.

His Lordship (To Mr. Gardiner)—Will \$10 a month do?

Mr. Gardiner—Defendant was here once before and made a false statement to your Lordship.

His Lordship—Did I find out a defendant made a false statement?

Mr. Gardiner—No, my Lord, but I've found it out. He said he was getting \$30 a month, whereas he was getting \$75. He goes to borrow money from my client and here he comes and makes a false statement to your Lordship.

His Lordship (To the defendant)—Were you here before?

Defendant—Yes.

Did you say you were getting \$30?—Yes. Were you getting \$75?—Yes.

Why did you tell me you were getting \$30?—I was afraid of my money-lender.

The other defendant stated that he was drawing \$50 a month and admitted owing a half-share.

His Lordship made an order for instalments to be payable monthly.

RAUB AUSTRALIAN GOLD MINING CO., LTD.

MINING AND MILLING REPORT FOR FOUR WEEKS ENDING MARCH 26th, 1910.

BUKIT KOMAN MINES.

Main Shaft. The bearings for the plunger have been placed below the No. 6 level, and the cistern has been placed in position on them. We are now lowering the new main rods to No. 6 level, and cutting ground at No. 5 level for the balance box. I hope to get this completed and to commence sinking in May next.

340 ft. Level cross-cut E. advanced 20 ft., total 120 ft.

340 ft. Level N. Winze on hanging wall lode was sunk 20 ft., giving a depth of 311 ft., at which point it was connected with the main shaft. This winze has opened a good piece of stopping ground.

420 ft. Level N. Main drive extended 18 ft., total 87 ft., the part of the lode carried for the width of the winze averaging 2.57 dwts. per ton.

540 ft. Level 1st drive S. advanced 14 ft., total 201 ft. This drive is not on the main part of the lode, but the direct is has been changed so as to strike it, from which point it will be continued on the main lode.

540 ft. Level N. Main drive extended 11 ft., total 53 feet from the winze, the lode averaging 47 inches and assaying 4.4 dwts. per ton.

Stopes 440 feet Level N. 449 tons assaying 13.47 dwts. per ton.

Stopes 440 feet Level S. 48 tons assaying 4.55 dwts. per ton.

Stopes 540 feet Level 757 tons assaying 5.25 dwts. per ton.

160 ft. Level N. Main drive advanced 14 ft., total 190 ft., no improvement in value since last report.

160 ft. Level S. Cross-cut W. from end of main drive, extended 10 ft., total 25 ft., at this point it passed through the lode, or the W. portion of it. Operations at this point have been suspended, as it is getting near the flooded Bukit Hitan Mine, and present indications do not warrant the outlay to drain Bukit Hitan, to enable us to carry on this point (S. drive).

160 ft. Level S. 3rd Winze sunk 30 ft., total 69 ft., the lode is rather broken, and showing only a little gold.

160 ft. Level S. the rise above the level has been connected with the "Air Shaft" sunk S. of Anderson's, this has thoroughly ventilated this section.

The Stope above this (160 ft.) level produced 1,684 tons of stone of about the usual quality.

260 ft. Level N. advanced 31 ft., total 291 ft., the lode is strong and well defined, but of low grade, assaying 1.31 dwts. per ton.

260 ft. Level S. advanced 39 ft., total 233 ft., lode poor.

260 ft. Level S. No. 1 Cross-cut E. cut into a lode at 12 ft. from the mouth of the cross-cut. Whether this is the main portion of the lode, "flooded" in an easterly direction, or another lode, remains to be proved, but as the main portion of the lode S. of the shaft was evidently "flooded" in this direction, the latter is the more probable.

260 ft. Level Main Cross-cut W. advanced 10 ft., total length 108 ft.

Stopes 260 ft. Level S. 195 tons assaying 10.00 dwts. per ton.

Stopes 260 ft. Level N. 361 tons assaying 2.54 dwts. per ton.

GENERAL.

The "Air Shaft" S. of Anderson has been connected with the 160 ft. level S. Stope Mine, and as stated above, this portion of the Mine is consequently well ventilated.

MILLING SHEET FOR FOUR WEEKS ENDING MARCH 26th, 1910.

BUKIT KOMAN.

IMPORTANT CHANDU CASE.

CAPTAIN AND TOWKAY FINED.

15th inst.

Captain James Homes, of the local steamer *Hong Bee*, and Towkay Lim Ho Phah, the owner, were before Mr. Justice Gompertz, P. M. Judge, this morning, on charges of importing chandu and allowing their vessel to be used for the importation, carriage or conveyance of chandu, reports the *Straits Times* of 8th inst. They claimed to be tried, Mr. Baddley, superintendent of the opium monopoly, appeared for the prosecution and Mr. Elliot for the defence.

Mr. J. A. Howard, head of the preventive service, said that on information received he boarded the *Hong Bee* with Mr. Muesel, senior revenue officer, at about 4 p.m. on March 22. They went to a disordered cab and found a searching about fifteen minutes found, behind a fresh water tank, a bag which contained 32 tins of chandu, weighing 312 tins and valued at \$933.00. The captain could have found it if he had searched there.

Mr. Elliot pointed out that the place where the chandu was kept was frequently changed, and asked for the name of the informer, which witness refused to give.

Questioned by Mr. Elliot, witness said that he was confident that the informer had nothing to do with putting the chandu where it was found and did not think that he was employed on the ship. The bunkers were often used as a place of concealment for opium.

Mr. Muesel said that he went on board to search the *Hong Bee* on her arrival from China on March 21, but did not get into the bunkers then as the hatches had not yet opened. He found about five hours that day, and found nothing.

Mr. Elliot explained to the court that the cargo contained 100,000 tins which had been removed when the second search was made. It was an absolute impossibility to search the hold for chandu on the voyage from China. How in the world was the captain to remove 100,000 tins to look for chandu at the bottom?

CAPTAIN'S EVIDENCE.

Capt. Homes said that he had the ship searched for chandu every day on the way down from China. Everything possible was done. The hold where the chandu was found was not searched because it was practically impossible to get at it. The passengers had no access to the holds. Every part of the ship to which they had access was searched carefully.

Questioned by Mr. Baddley, the captain said that the daily search was conducted by European officers and lasted from two to three hours. The holds were never searched.

THE DEFENCE.

Mr. Elliot argued that what happened in these cases was that the person importing the opium, finding that he could not land it, went straight to the monopoly and gave information. This was what was done in the present case. The captain of the ship was not the importer. The granting of heavy fines to these informers was a direct encouragement of smuggling. He would submit that only a nominal fine should be imposed.

His Worship held that the first charge was not made out. On the second charge, there was no way of getting out of it. Mr. Baddley stated that the two previous convictions against the same ship and the same captain.

His Worship fined the captain and owners \$50 each, and costs amounting to fifty cents. The opium was confiscated.

DYNAMITE EXPLOSION AT KOBE.

ENORMOUS DAMAGE.

The *Japan Chronicle* of 8th inst. says:—As briefly reported in extras issued yesterday to local subscribers, a terrible explosion occurred yesterday morning just outside the limits of Kobe harbour. The whole city was violently shaken, as though a severe earthquake had occurred, while the wrecked and damaged houses on every hand gave the impression that the city had been swept by a typhoon. The amount of the damage—which extends over a very wide area—cannot yet be estimated, and while many houses and buildings in the immediate vicinity of the disaster have been totally wrecked or badly damaged, scarcely a house in the former Settlement and in some other evidence of the tremendous force of the explosion. East and west of Wakobama off which place the explosion occurred, windows have been blown in, files and walls damaged, telephone wires torn down, and even heavy iron doors of godowns wrecked open, although fastened and locked in the usual way. As far west as Suma, and east as far as Nishinomiya, shoji were thrown down by the explosion, which must have been heard and felt for miles around. Fortunately, only one life was lost—the victim being the watchman of the lighter which exploded—and although many persons received injuries, including some dangerous ones on the Hanshin electric railway, none were so far as is known, severely hurt.

DETAILS OF THE EXPLOSION.

According to the information obtained by a *Chronicle* representative, there seems to be no doubt that the explosion was caused by an outbreak of fire on board a bulk, No. 1,069, belonging to Messrs. C. Nickel & Co., Ltd., stevedores, Kobe. Over four tons of explosive were stored in the bulk, consisting of 3,000 cases of dynamite, 10 cases of detonators, and 2,105 cases of gelatin. A powerful explosive used in coal-mining. These goods were, we understand, the property of Messrs. Waikagawa and Co., the China and Japan Trading Company, and Messrs. Drexell and Co.

About half-past six yesterday morning one of the Customs officials stationed at Wakobama observed smoke rising from the dynamite-bulk, and suspecting that something was wrong, at once went to the telephone to call up the Water Police in order to give the alarm. At 6.38, before telephone connection had been effected with the Water Police, a loud explosion was heard, followed immediately by a second and much more violent explosion. Dense volumes of smoke rising from the sea made it impossible for a time to see whether one or two lighters had exploded, but it was presently seen that three other lighters, on which dynamite belonging to Messrs. Morrison & Co. was stored, were safe, although the craft were so badly damaged by the tremendous force of the explosion that they became water-logged and were partially submerged.

The watchmen on these lighters, as soon as they saw the smoke rising from Messrs. Nickel's bulk, picked up oars and were afterwards picked up unharmed by sampans which went out to the rescue.

The watchman on board the bulk, a native of Yura, Awaji, aged about 50, was killed in the explosion, his mangled body being afterwards picked up and taken ashore.

Meanwhile, the people of Kobe, and especially those living at Wakobama, were terrified-stricken at the tremendous noise and force of the explosion. In Kobe City it was at first generally thought that an accident had occurred in the gateway, or on board the Italian cruiser "Mazzini," which is now in port. In fact, several petty officers and men from the warship were on shore at the time of the explosion, but none of the *Statute*, thinking the warship magazine had exploded.

A BIG AWARD.

14th inst.

In the Summary department of the Supreme Court, this morning, His Honour Mr. H. J. Gompertz, P. M. Judge, heard evidence in the case in which the Hong Kong firm and another sued the Wing Lok Stevedoring firm and another for the sum of \$27,559.34 being the balance of an account stated between the parties and agreed to by the defendants.

Mr. C. Grenville Alabaster, barrister-at-law, (instructed by Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, of Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon's office), represented the plaintiffs and quite a number of witnesses were called to give testimony in the case.

Mr. Alabaster moved for a judgment. He stated that a specially endorsed writ had been issued on the 31st of January this year, whilst on the 5th of the same month a writ of foreign attachment had been granted under Section 453 of the Code, as the parties against whom action was being taken were out of the jurisdiction of this Court. Two sums of \$4,000 and \$1,000 respectively had been paid towards the satisfaction of the debt.

His Honour gave judgment for the plaintiffs.

CLAIM FOR DAMAGES.

FOR ALLEGED ASSAULT AND FALSE IMPRISONMENT.

Before Mr. Justice Gompertz, P. M. Judge, this morning, a case in which Wong Fu Ng is seeking to recover for alleged assault and false imprisonment, Mr. E. Davidson appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. W. E. L. Shenton represented the defendant.

Mr. Shenton—I ask for a statement of claim.

His Lordship—What do you say, Mr. Davidson?

Mr. Davidson—Three days, my Lord.

Well, Mr. Shenton?

Mr. Shenton—Seven days is the usual practice.

The case was adjourned.

THE PROPOSED OPENING OF PORT ARTHUR.

VIEWS OF A RUSSIAN JOURNAL.

The *Rossiyskiy*, of St. Petersburg, has the following remarks on the proposed opening of Port Arthur to trade:—

A short time ago the Japanese Government was discussing the question of opening Port Arthur as a trading port and the necessity of adopting the western part of the port for that purpose. Port Arthur does not play for Japan the rôle that played for Russia. For us the port formed the only satisfactory outlet to the sea, as Vladivostok is frozen up in the winter months. For Japan, of course, the southern port has no such significance. Hence Port Arthur does not now need the elaborate fortifications which were erected by Russia, and probably there are many who think quite reasonably that even the defence works being constructed (sic) there now are wholly superfluous. The opening of Port Arthur as a commercial port could not interfere with its military value, as it is not intended to open the whole port, but merely its western half, so that the eastern part would remain a military haven as before. The principal reason for opening a trading port there—a reason now quite recognized by the Government—is the circumstance that the exchange of commerce between Japan and Manchuria is continually increasing and is giving indications of great development. Meanwhile the insufficiency of suitable ports is beginning to be felt, as there are only two points of export from Manchuria—Newchwang and Dairen.

Newchwang cannot be regarded as satisfactory in view of the fact that it is frozen for four or five months in the year, and just those months when the export of Manchurian products is most active. There remains only Dairen, where all commercial transactions are centralized and which cannot cope with all the export trade, as a result of which goods accumulate and trade is dislocated—a state of affairs which will be aggravated by the extension of trade. The necessity of opening Port Arthur is thus apparent.

As already noted, the opening of the port would not weaken its value as a military port, especially as it has not for Japan the same strategic significance as it had in the hands of Russia. On the other hand, as a commercial port, it will have enormous value as being the nearest point to the Manchurian Railway to Japan, and its unconditional opening will facilitate the development of industry in Manchuria.

If the opening of a port at Port Arthur is looked at from the Far Eastern political point of view then it undoubtedly furnishes the best evidence that Japan strongly supports the principle of the open door and free trading in Manchuria, and will destroy any cause for suspicion that Japan, by fortifying the Liaotung peninsula, cherishes the ambition of extending her domination in Manchuria."—*Japan Chronicle*.

COMMERCIAL.

YARN MARKET.

Hongkong, 15th April.

Since the issue of our last report dated the 2nd ultimo, per *s.s. Dewanda*, business done in yarn has been moderate, which is accounted for partly by the fact that the exchange market has been steady and partly owing to holders having in hand May-June deliveries. Naturally buyers were somewhat chary of purchasing long delivery cargo and consequently, as has already been mentioned, the business done has been indifferent. What business transpired was put through at last quotations and in some instances prices declined in the extent of 5¢, settlements being confined to short delivery only. There is nothing worthy of special mention and the market closes quiet. On account of the China Ming observances, which have just begun, transactions have not been of an extensive character and will conclude for a short period.

No. 66.—A very small business was done at last quotations.

No. 88.—Nothing doing.

No. 108 & 125.—A small business effected at last quotations.

No. 161.—A very meagre business has to be reported.

No. 208.—A fair amount of business has been done at this count at a decline of 5¢.

Total sales 3,700 bales.

Unsold stocks 5,000 bales.

Sold but not delivered in the godown and to arrive 45,000 bales.

Arrivals.—The mail steamer *Dalla* and extra steamer *Yokohama* from Bombay, and steamer *Yokohama* from Calcutta have brought in 1,100 bales for Hongkong, and 15,000 bales for Shanghai and Coasts ports.

Shanghai.—Reports from this market indicate that business has been somewhat quiet. A small business was done at previous quotations.

Japanese Yarn.—No business has come under notice.

Local Mill.—Nothing doing.

Raw Cotton.—On account of higher prices no business has been done in Bengal Cotton. Stocks 177 bales Bengal. No sales in China Cotton. Since 1/2 bales. Quotations: Bengal at \$35 to \$37; India at \$37 to \$43 per picul. Rupees: 7/1 1/2. Sterling: 4/11 1/2. Shanghai, T/T 7/4. Japan 27. Bar Silver, 241. POLISHWALL & CO. LTD., Cotton & Yarn Brokers.

TO-DAY'S RUBBER QUOTATIONS.

April 15th, 4:15 p.m.

The following quotations for rubber sheets, by wire, are supplied by Messrs. E. S. Kadohiti & Co.:

Anglo-Java	.....	Tia 30
Anglo-Malaya	.....	56/6
Balkonies	.....	326
Batu Tigas	.....	123/
Bertams	.....	127/
Bukit Kajangs	.....	100/
Bukit Rajahs	.....	380/
Castlefields	.....	47/6 prem.
Changkat Serdang	.....	50/
Cheras	.....	310
Damanas	.....	300/
Eastern Internationale	.....	55/ prem.
Fed. Selangors	.....	340/
Glenavly	.....	552
Glenstels	.....	160/
Goldend	.....	160/
Golden Hopes	.....	165/
Highlands and Lowlands	.....	191/
Indragiris	.....	191/
Inch Koneils	.....	301/
Jequies	.....	14/3
Joulandors	.....	30/- prem.
Kamunings	.....	14/9 prem.
Kuala Lumpers	.....	260/
Lanudrons (fully paid)	.....	165/
Lanudrons (ppd.)	.....	112/6 prem.
Labus	.....	705/
Larrys	.....	120/
Linglis	.....	50/6
London Aiaties	.....	182/6
London Ventures	.....	131/
Merlimaus	.....	8/-
Pajmas	.....	524
Pegohs	.....	360
Rubber Trusts	.....	104/6 prem. ex. p. i.
Sengas	.....	340/
Sandcrifts	.....	55 ex rights
Sengas	.....	46/-
Seafelds	.....	155/
Sekongs	.....	87/6 pm.
Shelfords	.....	97/6
Singapore & Johores	.....	110
Samatra Paras	.....	18/6
Sungel Chohs	.....	132/6
Sungel Kapars	.....	220/
Tandjongs	.....	93/- prem.
Tangkahs	.....	37/6 prem.
United Serdangs	.....	116/- ex rights
United Singapore	.....	17/6
United Sumatras	.....	54/
United Labkat	.....	87/6 ex rights
Hard Fines Para	.....	1/- per lb.

SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Supplied by Messrs. E. S. KADONIN & Co. Corrected to noon; later alterations given under "Commercial Intelligence," page 5.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	POSITION AS PER LAST REPORT.	LAST DIVIDEND.	APPROXIMATE QUOTATION AT CLOSE OF LAST YEAR'S DIV.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
BANKS.							
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	110,000	\$125	\$125	\$1,500,000 \$15,000,000 \$250,000	\$2,000,000	2.5% for half year ending 31.12.09 @ ex 1/9 = \$15.11	\$58; sellers London 50s 10
National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	7	6	\$4,000 \$5,000	\$50,000	\$2 (London 1/6) for 1909	\$76 buyers
MARINE INSURANCES.							
Canton Insurance Office, Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$1,500,000 \$154,501 \$100,000	none	\$10 for 1908	\$170 buyers
North China Insurance Company	10,000	15	15	\$1,000,000 \$1,215,253 \$11,000,000	Tls. 30,173	Final of 7/6 making 11/10 for 1908	Tls. 115
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited	12,400	\$250	\$100	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$1,454,971	Final of \$17 making \$47 for 1907 and interim of \$30 for 1908	\$800 ex. div.
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$60	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$7,707	\$12 and bonus \$5 for 1907	\$150
FIRE.							
China Fire Insurance Company	70,000	\$100	\$20	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$375,341	\$6 and bonus \$2 for 1907	\$110 buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$58,711	\$27 for 1907	\$140 buyers
SHIPPING.							
China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited	30,000	\$25	\$25	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$7,021	\$1 for 1906	\$81 buyers
Douglas Steamship Company, Limited	20,000	\$50	\$50	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	none	24 for year ending 30.6.1908	\$32 buyers
Hongkong, Canton & Amoy Steamboat Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	\$15	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$11,000	Final of \$14 for account 1910	\$50; sellers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. (Preferred)	60,000	25	25	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$11,745	6/10 for 1907 on Preference shares only @ 1/10 11/16 = \$3.154	\$75 ex.
"Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Limited	2,000,000	21	21	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$11,819	3rd in of 2/- per sh. (comp. No. 12) making in all 4/- for '08 & interim of 1/- for ac. '09	95/- buyers
"Star" Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$5	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$1,113	\$1.00 for year ending 10.4.1909	\$26 sellers
REFINERIES.							
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited	20,000	\$100	\$100	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	Dr. 5 1/8	\$5 for year ending 31.12.08	\$168 b.
Luxon Sugar Refining Company, Limited	7,000	\$1	\$1	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	Dr. 3 1/2	\$5 for 1907	\$20 sellers
Perak Sugar Cultivation Company, Limited	7,000	Tls. 5	Tls. 5	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	Tls. 6 02	Tls. 10 for year ending 31.8.09	Tls. 840 sellers
Mining.							
Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ltd.	1,000,000	21	21	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	none	Final of 1/6 making 3/- for 1909	Tls. 18 sales
Headwaters Mining Company	60,000	Pa. 10	Pa. 10	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	none	Final year	Pa. 10 buyers
Ramb Australian Gold Mining Company, Limited	150,000	1	1	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	Dr. 2,101	No. 12 of 1/- = 48 cents	\$81 buyers
DOCKS, WHARVES & GODOWNS.							
Fenwick (Geo.) & Co., Limited	18,000	\$25	\$25	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	Dr. 27,441	\$1.75 for year ending 31.12.08	\$10
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$55	\$55	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	10,105	None	\$59 sellers
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Ltd.	50,000	\$5	\$5	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$112,75	Interim of \$14 for account 1909	63
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	35,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	Tls. 9,461	Interim of Tls. 24 for 1910	Tls. 80
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Company, Limited	36,000	Tls. 1	Tls. 100	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	Tls. 12,819	Final of Tls. 5 making Tls. 10 for 1908	Tls. 125
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.							
Anglo-French Land Investment Co., Ltd.	25,000	Tls. 1	Tls. 100	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	Tls. 4,134	Tls. 6 for year ending 20.2.09	Tls. 102 sellers
Central Stores, Limited	25,000	\$15	\$15	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$24,601	\$1.20 on old and 50 cents on first new issue	\$16 buyers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	8,000	\$5	\$5	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$19,271	Interim of \$2.40 on old and 40 cents on new shares for account 1909	\$107 ex div.
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$1	\$1	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$27,9	Interim of 3/- for account 1909	\$100 ex.
Hampshire Estate & Finance Company, Limited	150,000	\$1	\$1	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$26,045	45 cents for 1909	\$18 buyers
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited	6,000	\$50	\$50	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$29	\$24 for 1909	\$28 buyers
Shanghai Land Investment Company, Limited	78,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	Tls. 14,404	Interim of Tls. 3 for account 1909	Tls. 103 s.
West Point Building Company, Limited	12,500	\$50	\$50	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$10,58	Final of \$1.85 for account 1909	\$20 sales
COTTON MILLS.							
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Ltd.	15,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 5	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	10,991	Tls. 11 for year ending 31.10.09	Tls. 130; sellers
Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Company, Limited	125,000	\$10	\$1	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$9,551	50 cents for year ending 31.7.08	1/2 buyer
International Cotton Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	Tls. 8,378	Tls. 74 for year ending 30.9.06	Tls. 61 sellers
Loon-kung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 1	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	Tls. 4,829	Tls. 6 for 1909	Tls. 70 sellers
Sey Chee Cotton Spinning Company, Limited	2,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 50	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	Tls. 15,911	Tls. 50 for 1909	Tls. 500 ex div.
MISCELLANEOUS.							
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	8,000	12/5	12/6	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$108	15% per share for 1908	\$10
China-Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	\$12	\$12	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$10	60 cents for 1909	\$112 buyers
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$10	50 cents for year ended 28.2.08	\$2 buyers
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Company, Ltd.	125,000	\$10	\$1	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$1,007	80 cents for 1909	\$18 buyers
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	40,000	\$7 1/2	\$6	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$1,391	\$1.20 for year ending 31.7.09	\$18 buyers
Green Island Cement Company, Limited	400,000	\$10	\$10	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$1,391	Interim of 35 cents for account 1909	\$18 sellers
H. Price & Company, Limited	12,000	\$10	\$10	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$1,391	8 cents for year ending 31.12.08	\$12
Hongkong Electric Company, Limited	60,000	\$10	\$10	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$1,391	\$1 and bonus 20 cts. for year ending 29.2.09	\$20 buyers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	\$25	\$25	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$1,391	Final of \$8 for 1909	\$160 s.
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	60,000	\$10	\$10	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$1,391	Final of \$1 making in all \$3 for 1909	\$22 s. & sellers
Maatschappij tot Rijzen van Landbouw	25,000	Gs. 100	Gs. 100	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	Tls. 316,681	4th interim of Tls. 124 for 1909	Tls. 1,475
Peak Tramways Company, Limited	25,000	\$10	\$10	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$1,391	80 cents on fully paid shares and 8 cents on \$1 paid shares for year ending 30.1.09	\$15 buyers
Philippine Company, Limited	75,000	\$10	\$10	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	Pa. 18,640	None	\$11 buyers
Shanghai-Sumatra Tobacco Company, Limited	30,000	Tls. 20	Tls. 20	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	Tls. 5,350	Final Tls. 5 making Tls. 8 for 1908	Tls. 26; buyers
South China Morning Post, Limited	6,000	\$25	\$25	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	Dr. \$31,095	None	\$25 buyers
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	\$25	\$25	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$68	40 cents for year ending 31.5.09	\$5 buyers
Union Waterboat Company, Limited	30,000	\$10	\$10	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$172	60 cents for year ending 31.12.08	\$9 sellers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$5	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$343	60 cents per ord. share for year ending 31.5.09	\$12 sellers
Watson (A.S.) & Co., Limited	90,000	\$10	\$10	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$2,619	Final of 50 cents for 1908	\$61 buyers
William Powell, Limited	15,000	\$7	\$7	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$782	Final of 30 cts. making 80 cts. for the year ended 30th June, 1908	\$3

Bukit Kajang—2,533 lbs; total for three months 5,680.
Pegoh—3,314 lbs.
Bukit Lintang—2,850 lbs; total for corresponding period last year 190 lbs; total for nine months 16,105 lbs; total for corresponding period last year 960.
Allagar Estate—March 2,050.

PERAK RUBBER SHARES.

Penang, April 6.

The shares of both the Perak River Valley Rubber Company and the Neilmay Rubber Company, which were recently floated, are already quoted at a substantial premium. Several new local flotations are pending.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

Selling.

London—Bank T.T. 1/9 1/2
Do. demand 1/9 5/16
Do. 4 months' sight 1/9 9/16
France—Bank T.T. 2/3 1/2
America—Bank T.T. 1/3 1/2
Germany—Bank T.T. 1/3 1/2
India T.T. 1/3 1/2
Do. demand 1/3 1/2
Shanghai—Bank T.T. 1/3 1/2
Singapore—Bank T.T. per H.K. \$100 1/3 1/2
Japan—Bank T.T. 1/3 1/2
Java—Bank T.T. 1/3 1/2

Buying.

4 months' sight L/C 1/9 1/2
6 months' sight L/C 1/9 1/2
30 days' sight San Francisco New York 1/9 1/2
4 months' sight do 1/9 1/2
30 days' sight Sydney & Melbourne 1/9 1/2
4 months' sight France 1/9 1/2
6 months' sight 1/9 1/2
4 months' sight Germany 1/9 1/2
Bar Silver 1/9 1/2
Bank of England rate 1/9 1/2
Sovereign 1/9 1/2

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The French Mail of the 15th March has been delivered in London.

SIR PAUL CHATER, C.M.G., is going Home shortly for a stay of six months.

MR A. O. BROWN joined the Hongkong Volunteer Corps on the 8th April, assigned Corps No. 1127 and posted to No. 3 Company.

A NATIVE who was found in unlawful possession of 20 taels of opium, was on Tuesday fined \$20 or two months' imprisonment.

THE HUPCH Representatives returned to Hankow on Friday and were welcomed by a representative crowd of over ten thousand people.

A BILL has been read in the Philippine Legislature calling for the appropriation of P300,000, to be used in dredging the Maricaoque river.

THE cost of the buildings for the special colleges in Peking has been reduced more than once and has now been fixed at Tls. 3,000,000.

IT is stated that the Waiwupai has appointed three interpreters to serve in the foreign Legations in Peking, but the reason for such service is not stated.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. A. E. Wood to be an Official Justice of the Peace for the Colony, with effect from the 4th inst.

VICEROY YUAN Shu-hsin in Canton, has approved the request of the Kwangtung Provincial Assembly strictly to prohibit the sale of lottery tickets from other provinces.

THE Hupch officials in Peking have considered the question of guaranteeing interest on the share capital of the Hupch railway, so as to encourage investment.

SUBADAR Major Ahmed Din, Hongkong and Singapore Battalion, Royal Garrison Artillery, has resigned his appointment as honorary aide-de-camp to the Governor.

THE Yuchuanpu proposes to appoint Kuang Shih-mou, formerly chief engineer of the Canton Railway, to take charge of the construction of the Hankow-Tsingtao railway.

A CHINESE man was on Tuesday fined \$100 for keeping an opium den at No. 6, Jubilee Street. Twenty-three others were each fined \$40 for smoking on the premises.

SIX Chinese opium smokers were arraigned on the 4th inst. before Judge Jenkins at Manila. Four pleaded guilty of a violation of the opium law, but all were found guilty and sentenced to imprisonment for three months each.

PRESIDENT Tang Ching-chung of the Ministry of Education, has suggested that marriages between parties of the same surname should be permanently forbidden and this suggestion has been adopted by the Law Revision Office.

PRINCE KUNG, Anti-Opium Commissioner, proposes to tour in all the provinces next month, in order to investigate the results of the prohibition of opium smoking and plantation, and to test again suspected opium-smoking officials.

A CHINESE report says that the special Colleges for Chinese, Law, Philosophy, Literature, Engineering, Commerce and Medicine in Peking were opened with an attendance of 272, and that their expenditure would total about Tls. 1,000,000 a year.

IT is stated that the Ministry of Finance at Peking has prepared a financial statement of the country, on the basis of the returns submitted by the different provinces, and according to this statement there is likely to be a yearly deficit of Tls. 10,000,000 for the Empire.

THE U.S. Army transport *Warren* will reach Manila about May 1. It will go from Shanghai to Hongkong, Indo-China, to load 8,000 barrels of cement recently purchased for general use throughout the division. Part of this cement will be used for the construction of the new hospital at Los Banos.

RETURN of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending the 10th April, 1910.

Library Museum

Non-Chinese 488 178

Chinese 249 2,320

Total 737 2,498

FRQ Messrs. Thomas Cook and Son have received a copy of a new publication issued by them, descriptive of a trip to Tokio, Dalny, Seoul, and other places. As usual, like all their tourist publications, it is a charming work, replete with the atmosphere of the Far East, and it should form an admirable companion for those who are pleasure bound in China and Corea.

THE American Presses in port will be starting shortly for the States. They will call on their way at Amoy where they will make a handsome presentation to the Chinese of a gold lined silver cup valued at \$10,000 gold, in acknowledgment of the reception accorded the Battleship fleet two years ago. The cup is similar to that presented to the Japanese some time ago.

A SMOCKING concert and distribution of prizes will take place at H.K.V.C. Headquarters on Saturday, the 30th instant, at 9 p.m.

ELEVEN underbills arrived on board the s.s. *Yokan* from Singapore last Saturday. The deportees are to be returned to their homes.

MAIL Officer E. J. Marshall of the China Station will leave for home by the P. & O. mail steamer on Saturday. He is relieved by Mr. Johnson.

MR. F. A. AGLEN and Sir Robert Bredon had interviews with the Shuiwuchu on Saturday and Monday last. But nothing has yet been settled.

FOURTEEN days' hard labour was on Monday morning awarded a baker in the Commissariat Department for stealing some clothing from another baker.

THE P. and O. s.s. *Mooltan*, which left London on 11th ult., took the following specie for Hongkong:—Bar silver, £10,000; and Shanghai, bar silver, £112,500.

A VLADIVOSTOCK despatch reports that the Ministers of the Army, Communications and Agriculture Departments will shortly leave St. Petersburg for a tour of Eastern Siberia.

THE total output of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Company's three mines for the week ending 15th March amounted to 27,257.80 tons and the sales during the period to 29,854.37 tons.

HOMER MOORE of the U.S.S. *Charleston*, was charged in the Police Court on Monday morning with assaulting an Indian constable while in the execution of his duty in Ship Street. A fine of \$15 was imposed.

AT the Marine Magistrate's Court, on Thursday, Chao Ngan, master of steam launch *Hung On*, was fined \$20, or six weeks' hard labour for disregarding the rules of the road on the 9th inst. The fine was paid.

THE general agents of the Shanghai Samatra Tobacco Company, Limited, has received the following telegraphic advice from the Deli Maatschappij, Amsterdam:—"Sold 335 bales tobacco at Guilders 1.17."

AT six o'clock on Monday evening one of the secret service men at Manila surprised Tam Pong Wo, a Chinese labourer, in the act of injecting morphine into his system. The man is now being held awaiting trial.

THE United States Consul-General, Dr. W. A. Rublee, who unfortunately has not been enjoying very good health of late, has just been operated upon for appendicitis, and we hear on Thursday with regret that his condition is very much worse.

A MARRIAGE has been arranged, and will shortly take place, between Mr. E. G. Jamieson, of His Britannic Majesty's Consular Service in China, and Mabel, youngest daughter of Mrs. W. H. Armitage, of Lyle House, Wotton-under-Edge.

A NATIVE was awarded six weeks' hard labour and six months' stocks at the Magistrate's Court on Monday for stealing a bundle from a passenger on board the s.s. *Charles Hindouin*. The bundle was taken from under a pillow while the victim was sleeping.

THE secretaries at Shanghai of the Chemsedak Rubber and Gambier Estate, Limited, are in receipt of cable advices to the effect that the first shipment of rubber made to London on the 2nd of February last, amounting to 2,500 lbs. net, realized an average price of 10s. per pound net.

IN the Summary Court on Friday, the case was again mentioned in which Ah Men and Hing Cheong, tailors, are suing John Grant to recover the sum of \$91.95 for work done and material supplied. It was stated that the defendant could not be found and the case was adjourned.

J. T. FOGARTY, a stoker on board H.M.S. *Bedford*, appeared in the Police Court on Friday on charges of assaulting P. C. Atwell and disorderly behaviour in Ship Street. On the first charge the delinquent was fined \$15 while on the other charge he was awarded seven days' imprisonment without the option.

THE Commissioner of Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs at Amoy reports that the s.s. *Yildiz* cast off two steam-launches, which she was towing, near Alligator Rock (probably on the 31st March). These launches are derelict, and are possibly forming a danger to navigation in the Formosa Channel.